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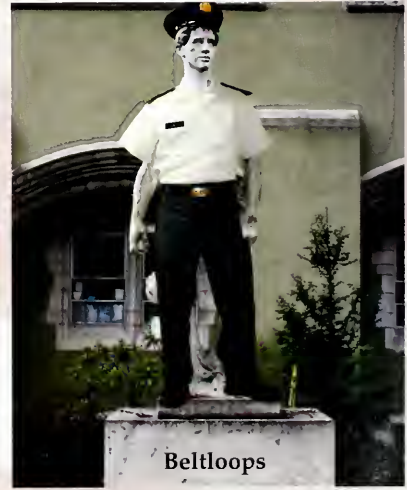




# How Cadets Describe Our Uniforms Here at VMI



## No Longer Applicable



# DEDICATION

## COL John Brodie '92 HBR



Unfortunately, during the four years of our cadetship most of the Corps only knew Col. Brodie as the Band Director. Many cadets will therefore likely believe that I chose to dedicate this Bomb to Col. Brodie only because he is the Band Director; however, those of you who fall into either category could not be further from the truth.

Those lucky enough to have had the opportunity to get to know "The Brodemeister" have learned how much Col. Brodie cares about VMI and about cadets in general. He spends countless hours helping and defending cadets while always fighting for our privileges, revealing why cadets will do whatever Col. Brodie asks of us without complaining- no simple feat at VMI. First Classmen may have heard most of the stories and jokes at least four times by graduation (sorry, sir), but even on those days that VMI wants no one to enjoy everyone at least smiles after running into Col. Brodie.

So, Col. Brodie, thank you for giving us the maximum amount of haydowns the Commandant allowed, watching out for the boys and girls that we were when you met us for the first time during Hell Week, and standing up for cadets when others would not. Since VMI often takes much of your efforts and hard work for granted, the 2006 Bomb is dedicated to you, as a final thank you for all your help and inspiration over the past four years.

Chris Foltz  
2006 BOMB EIC







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# MOST THINGS AT VMI DO NOT CHANGE

No matter what any official Institute publication claims, the basic elements of the cadet experience do not change. Cadets generally hate, or at least dislike, these four years of their lives, but we would not replace them with anything else. As we go through this experience we know deep down that we do have pride for our accomplishments. Even though most of the time we sit back and complain about how life is unfair, events such as Ring Figure, for example, serve as reminders of how much we really do love this place.

Post is undergoing a major facelift at the moment, and probably will still be when we return for our respective class reunions. Everywhere we turn we hear about Vision 2039 and professionalism, but as one First Classmen stated, no matter how politically correct VMI becomes, we would still rather graduate from here than any other school. The bad memories are already starting to fade for many First Classmen as graduation comes closer, and putting only the negatives of VMI into print would distract from all of the hard-work that is necessary to survive and graduate.

If you notice, we try to avoid highlighting things that have changed, and instead attempt to somehow offer a comedic view on the general aspects of Cadet Life. Alumni always say that the ensuing comparisons seem much more humorous when looking back, so as we all move nearer to the end of our cadetships we can only hope they are correct.

As you will see over the following pages, cadets experience [and thus inevitably complain about] the same things that we always have, there is always a general distrust towards the administration, and alumni always tell cadets about how much harder their experience was. Although there is a chance that not everyone will agree with everything in this magazine, I am fairly sure that in 2039 the same people will be laughing with the same joyous memories of their time in the Corps.





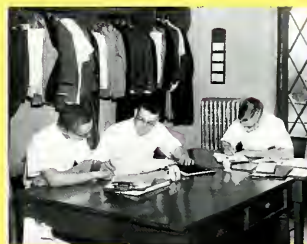
# CADETS WILL ALWAYS...

SLEEP WHEREVER POSSIBLE



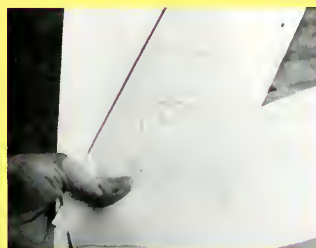
ENDLESSLY WAIT TO  
ANSWER SPECIALS

SPEND COUNTLESS HOURS  
MARCHING AROUND THE  
PARADE DECK



STUDY MORE THAN  
WE WANT TO...

...ONLY TO REALIZE  
THAT WE DON'T KNOW  
AS MUCH AS WE  
THOUGHT



WASTE TIME DOING THINGS  
THAT OFTEN WE DON'T EVEN  
UNDERSTAND



ENDURE MONDAY'S  
RAIN AND FRIDAY'S  
INEVITABLE SUN



(BUT LOUDLY REJOICE  
WHEN NATURE DECIDES  
TO COOPERATE ON  
FRIDAY AFTERNOONS)



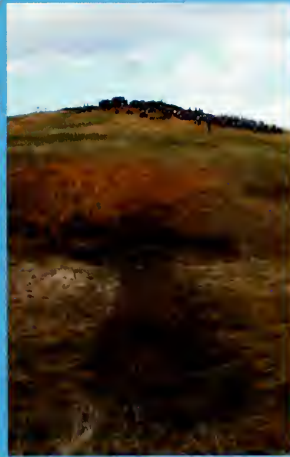
AND THEN AWAKE AFTER  
A NIGHT SPENT UPTOWN



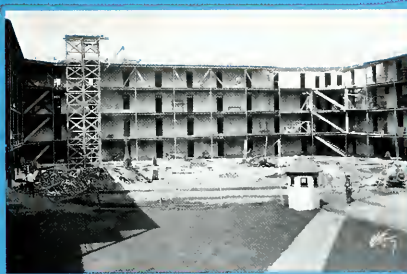


# IN ADDITION,

EVERY CLASS CLAIMS THEIR  
BREAKOUT WAS THE HARDEST  
IN BARRACKS



CONSTRUCTION  
ON POST NEVER  
ENDS



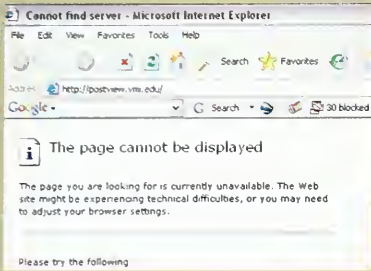
SOME RATS ARE MORE  
DESPERATE/PROACTIVE  
THAN OTHERS



WHILE OTHERS EARN THE  
PLEASURE OF INTERACTING  
WITH THEIR COMMANDER



SIGNING OUT IS NEVER AS  
EASY AS IT SHOULD BE



OUR HAIR IS NEVER  
SHORT ENOUGH IN  
THE EYES OF THE  
COMMANDANT'S  
STAFF

RING FIGURE BRINGS OUT  
INTERESTING EMOTIONS



BARRACKS OFFERS  
PLENTY OF SURPRISES



ANNOYING  
ROOMMATES  
ARE DEALT  
WITH

DESPITE BRIEF  
MOMENTS OF  
REPRISE, GUARD  
MAINLY MEANS  
MORE LOST SLEEP



THE FEELING THAT  
BARRACKS IS OFTEN  
JUST LIKE A ZOO



THE SITUATION CONTINUES:  
EXCEPTIONAL CADETS OR TOOLS  
OF THE INSTITUTE?



F-TROOP WILL  
BE F-TROOP



THAT SINKING  
FEELING HITS  
EVERY TIME  
BARRACKS  
FIRST COMES  
INTO VIEW



WE CONTINUE TO  
SLEEP WHENEVER AND  
WHEREVER POSSIBLE

*We're glad  
you're here*



Virginia Military Institute

IS ANYONE  
EVER TRULY  
GLAD TO BE  
HERE?



BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, CADETS WILL ALWAYS ANSWER  
THE CALL FOR CITIZEN-SOLDIERS





# CADET LIFE





# HOME COMING COURT



## KING & QUEEN

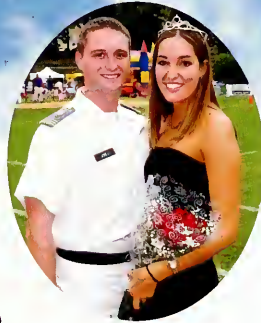
CHARLIE

Cadet Matt Jones & Ms. Kory L. Forrest



### ALPHA

Ms. Evie Dixon  
Andrew Upshaw



### BRAVO

Ms. Lindsey Pretlow  
Frank Dolberry



### DELTA

Ms. Meghann Miller  
Chris Petree

### ECHO

Ms. Holly Anderson  
Brad Bascope



### F-TROOP

Ms. Jessica Emery  
Wilson Nance



### GOLF

Ms. Amanda Kiesman  
Brian Hunt



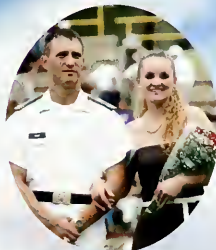
### HOTEL

Ms. Jolie Jacobie  
James Woodard



### BAND

Ms. Susan Smith  
Joe Zyra



# MIDWINTER

In two short years, the Mid-Winter Formal has come a long way from required attendance for Rankers to now having more cadets voluntarily sign up for the event than Cocke Hall can handle. This year's Formal was built upon the success of last year's, with attendance surpassing 1,000 cadets and their dates. The highlight of the evening was the series of toasts made towards the end of the hop, honoring American servicemen, cadets currently serving and those fallen in the service of their country, and the VMI Corps of Cadets. After completing the mandatory two hours of attendance, cadets changed clothes and headed out to Zollman's for the after-party. Sixteen "large soda cans" were consumed as everyone was temporarily able to forget about the papers and homework waiting back in barracks.



Getting Ready For the Dance



Mike Carney Arrives in Style





# FORMAL



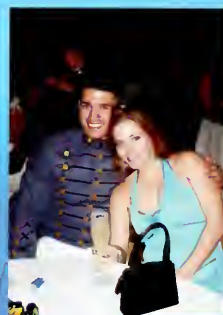
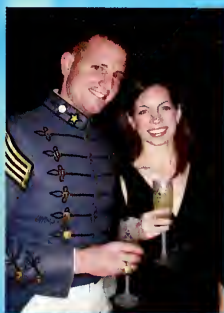
A Dyke and Rat Enjoy An Intimate Moment



Once Again, Arms Around a BR Instead of Date



What is Will Durkee Smiling About?



John Kelton Takes Advantage of a 'Tired' BR

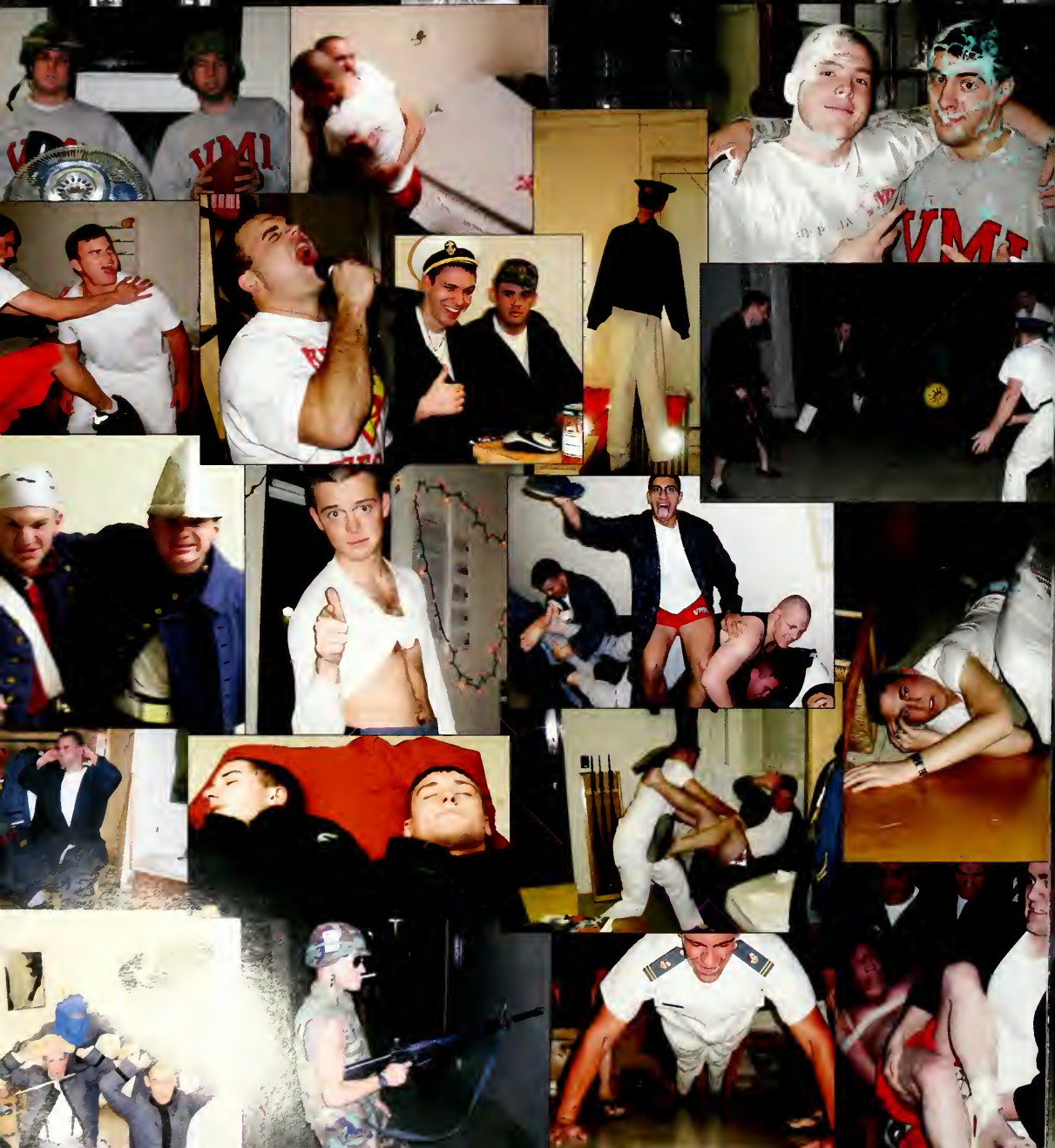


Marc Antonelli's Morning After



# BARRACKS NIGHT-LIFE

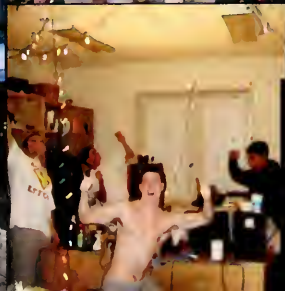
With 1,300 young adults running on little sleep, frustrated with most aspects of their life and/or this Institute, and with nowhere to go, there will naturally be many interesting ways that the ensuing stress is dealt with. From resorting to activities done as children, such as playing Four-Square or kickball, to watching newly released DVDs of the cartoons from our childhood, to playing endless video games to aid the procrastination, cadets find their own ways to enjoy life. Liberal Arts majors usually lead a more relaxed life, and although our engineering BRs claim otherwise, they also find the time to mess around. For them, however, this results in even less sleep, which only furthers the cycle of aggravated cadets running around barracks on minimal sleep with nowhere to go.





# HOLIDAYS IN BARRACKS

The holidays arguably serve as the few times during the year that life in Barracks is somewhat enjoyable. This year Halloween was placed on Double-Secret Probation, and with Thanksgiving once again serving mainly as our fall break, the Corps was left essentially with Christmas. It took a few days, but after the powers-that-be finally granted their approval for Christmas to be celebrated, lights, trees, and even a penguin appeared throughout Barracks. Even though the Blue Book does not allow snowmen and the guard team was ordered to demolish any they saw, Cadets' spirits were somewhat maintained via an igloo, the usual snowball fight, and the mandatory carols after Taps.





# CLUB CROZET

"This food sucks" is inevitably one of the most common statements made by cadets about Club Crozet. Despite the claim that "If you ate at your favorite restaurant three times a day, seven days a week, for four years, you would get tired of that, too," many of the options offered two years ago have disappeared and the quality has also left something to be desired.

But, as with every other experience at VMI, we are not the first to express our dislike of the mess hall. Cadet waiters attest that with what the cooks are given they truly do produce a remarkable final product. This inevitably leads the Corps to wonder if VMI does have the lowest Aramark food level possible. Even if that rumor is not true, for the sake of the cadets of 2039, we all hope that improvements have been made by then. If not, at least keep the peanut butter well-stocked.



Every Scrap is Contested



Doug Ziegenfuss Gives a Thumbs-up for PB&J



The O.D. Either Spots Some Breaking the Rules or Tries Keep His Food Down



"ABANDON HOPE, ALL YE WHO ENTER HERE"  
DANTE ALIGHIERI



# PENALTY TOURS

Penalty Tours are some of the most pointless and mind-numbing experiences of the VMI cadetship. Gone are the days of easily accessible 1-for-1's or the PTs that could be completed in two minutes. Three-hour stints on Saturdays and Sundays are designed to make the experience even worse, but nothing tops the tankers who stand around to ensure that no one laughs or talks while marching the loop.

While many of the PTs that we work off are reserved, the undisputable 5 PTs that many First Classmen received from SGM this year for having forms that did not pass his random inspections reportedly made cadets try even less than usual. Random inspections often occurred every other week this year, and since earning more than 15 demerits in a period resulted in more PTs, here's to the cadets marching out on the bricks for three hours at a time.



The 3-Hour Loop



Victor Karpov's Look Tells All



Marching Under Close Supervision



Study Abroad is what many cadets do to prevent from going completely insane. With no formations, Taps Status Checks, nor Tacs watching your every move on Saturday nights, it should not be surprising that for most of us, studying abroad at a 'normal' college turns out to be one of, if not the most enjoyable time of our cadetship.



South America



Africa via Semester at Sea



A Rainbow in New Zealand



Bullfight in Spain



Somewhere in the Desert



The Mountains Down Under



A Sur





Enjoying a Moroccan Beach



Prague



Cairo



South America



Cliff Diving in New Zealand



Mongolia



Cairo



French Coast



Down Under



Straining at Oxford for a Rhodes Scholar



# GOVERNOR MARK WARNER

The honorable Mark R. Warner served as the 69th governor of Virginia from January 2002-January 2006. Gov. Warner was the graduation speaker twice during his term, and both times the cadets serving confinement became at least closet supporters. The ensuing reactions after the magical words were spoken must have been some of the loudest and sincerest thank-you's a governor can receive.

Always a supporter of VMI, Gov. Warner went out of his way several times to make sure that he paid attention to cadets. At the governor's breakfast before President Bush's inaugural parade in 2005, for example, he invited the band inside and proudly went around to his colleagues asking where their band was.

Gov. Warner's term ended halfway through the school year, and whether or not cadets agreed with his political views, the constant support he showed the Corps will not be forgotten.

(Written by an out-of-state cadet, so this is essentially as politically unbiased as possible.)



Gov. Warner Proudly Displaying His Band



Moments Before Amnesty



# GOVERNOR KAINE'S INAUGURAL PARADE



On January 14th, 2006, the Corps received one of the highest honors in the state by receiving the opportunity to march in the Governor's inaugural parade. However, for many cadets the experience devolved into one of the most miserable experiences of their cadetship thanks to the weather and the timetable, and resulted in choice remarks towards the small number of cadets that were able to avoid marching.

Despite our seemingly endless stream of complaints, though, Gov. Kaine granted amnesty for the Corps less than a month after his inaugural. In addition, upperclassmen have now marched in both Presidential and Governor inaugural parades, something very few of our colleagues can claim. The Corps was also the sharpest-looking unit in the parade to many viewers, which naturally led to the Commandant's staff regarding the numerous hours we spent marching on the parade deck as worthwhile and cadets still viewing that waste of time as unnecessary.

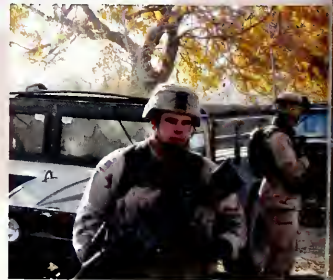




# CADETS SERVING IN



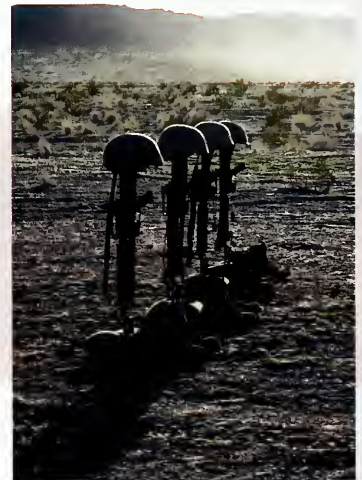
America will never run...And we will always be grateful that liberty has found such brave defenders.  
-President George W. Bush



# OUR ARMED FORCES

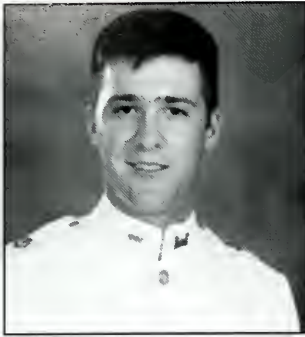


Lead me, follow me, or get out of my way.  
-Gen. George S. Patton



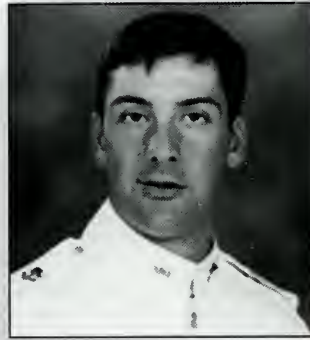


# THE CONTINUING PRICE OF FREEDOM



CPT LOWELL MILLER II '93

Cpt. Lowell Mitchell was killed in Al Iskandariyah, Iraq, on August 31, 2005 during a raid on an insurgent stronghold. He was deployed with the Mississippi National Guard and was serving with the 155th Infantry.



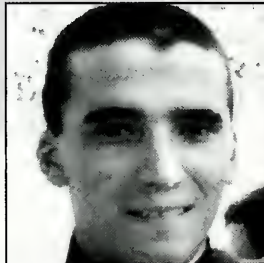
MR. GREGORY R. WRIGHT '95

Gregory White, a civilian providing security services, was killed in northern Iraq on Dec. 7, 2005. After graduating from VMI, Mr. Wright served in the Marine Corps as an infantry officer and as a military intelligence officer, and left military service in 2000.

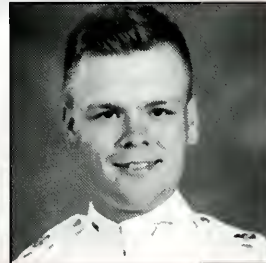
## Alumni KIA 2001-2005



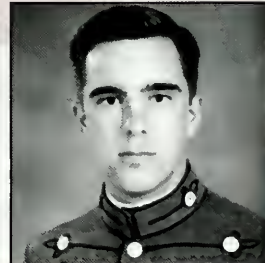
Charles W. Mathers '62  
(World Trade Center)



David L. Williams '91  
Navy LCDR



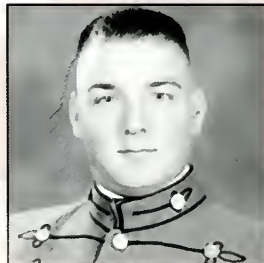
Paul R. Syverson '93  
Army Major



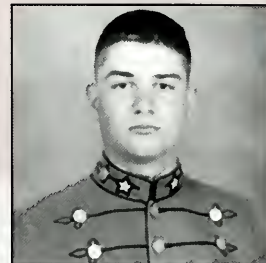
John R. Teal '94  
Army Captain



James C.  
Marine Cap



Ryan E. Doltz '00  
Army Sergeant

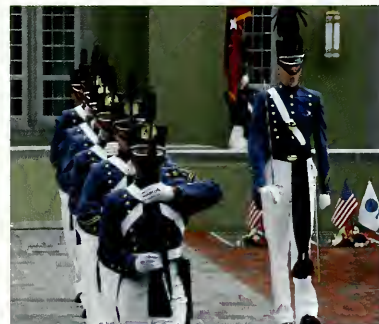
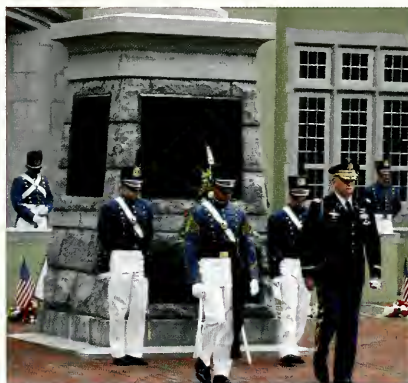


Joshua C. Hurley '01  
Army Lieutenant



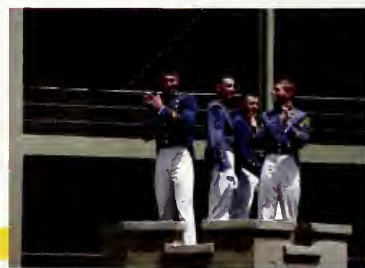
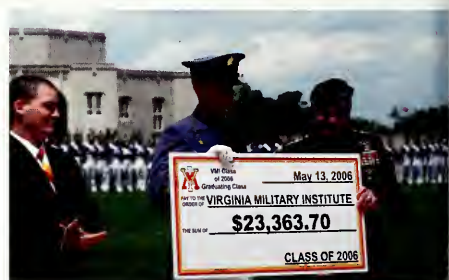
Luke C. Wullenwaber '00  
Army Captain

# NEW MARKET PARADE





# GRADUATION PARADE



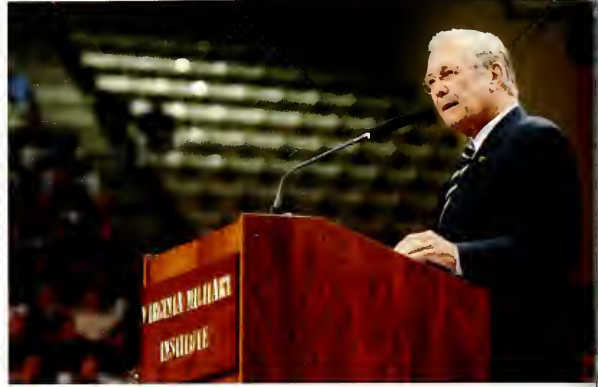


# COMMISSIONING





I can tell you something from personal experience. Over the past five plus years, I have been to dozens of nations, to scores of military bases and have personally met with literally many thousands of our young men and women in uniform. Some once wore the black shirt of a VMI uniform, and marched in the gray jacket of a VMI cadet. Today they stand on the front lines against enemies who are determined to do our people grave harm. I have seen the pride and the courage in the eyes of the wounded Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines at Walter Reed and Bethesda Hospitals -- and in the eyes of their proud family members who stand vigil at their bedsides. Their dedication is truly an inspiration.



Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld



Valedictorian Shawn G. Hogan

In some miraculous fashion we actually managed to have a good time and achieve some significant accomplishments in our tenure at VMI. Sure, graduation is the ultimate goal at the I, but the Class of 2006 has made the journey from Rats to Alumni with style. Our class parties are the stuff of legends, our Rat Disciplinary Committee came up with an entirely new sand bag fitness program for break that could be mass marketed for beaucoup bucks, and, let's not be bashful about it, we really are the best looking class to ever grace the hallowed grounds of VMI.









COL LEROY HAMMOND '57

1936-2005

As a member of the Class of 1957, Colonel Hammond served as A Company Commander and as President of VMI's chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and as Editor-in-Chief of the *Bomb*. A statement next to his picture in the 1957 *Bomb* captures his character in brief but telling words: "He has been a friend to all and an inspiration to many."

During his 28-year career in the U.S. Army, Colonel Hammond served two tours in Vietnam, taught at West Point, and held important engineering posts in Europe. Among his decorations were the Legion of Merit, four Bronze Stars, and two Army Commendation Medals with "V" for valor.

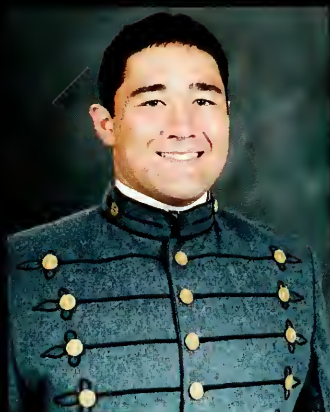
Colonel Hammond retired from active duty in 1985 and came to VMI, where he held several high administrative positions and tirelessly dedicated himself to enhancing the personal growth and development of cadets. He was adviser to many cadet organizations such as the Glee Club, and served as guardian of VMI traditions and history for countless cadets and alumni. He devoted much of his time and talents to the spiritual development of cadets, especially through the Officers of Christian Fellowship and by hosting with Mrs. Hammond weekly Bible studies in their home.

As editor of the 1957 *Bomb*, Cadet Hammond chose to dedicate that year's volume to a VMI legend, Colonel Robert A. "Buzz" Marr, Class of 1918 and Professor of Civil Engineering. There are two sentences about Colonel Marr found on the dedication page: "He pushed himself to the limit to help one and all, and he has never been forgotten by anyone who ever met him. His constantly cheerful outlook has always been a source of much encouragement to...all Cadets."

Two sentences about Colonel Marr—and two sentences that describe Colonel Hammond.



# TAPS



ADRIAN CMERIK '06

1983-2004

Adrian was our Brother Rat, teammate, and most of all, our friend. His untimely death is something that we have had to face every day. Adrian is without question watching over us all and helping us through both the good times and bad. Adrian's drive to live life to the fullest is something we should always cherish in our memory. He was a best friend to everyone he touched and will be sorely missed. We miss you Adrian!





# The Class of 2006



August 17th, 2002



Sometime in the Fall...



January 25th, 2003



A Miserable Year That Wouldn't End



Finally Upperclassmen



November 20th, 2004



The Band



Attempting to Forget the Bad Times



May 16th, 2006

'06

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### **The General Committee Officers of the Class of 2006**

Vice President: Christopher Stolle

President: Michael Pasquale

Historian: Paul Welsh

Secretary: Bart Payne

In reflecting on my privilege of serving as a Class Officer of the Class of 2006, I find the experience defined by the highest of highs and the lowest of lows. In my address at our class dinner, I made a few jokes about "strategy" and being the best looking class to ever enter barracks. Though this is true, there is one other unique aspect that defines us as a class. Whether fortunately or unfortunately, we were the spearhead class of one of the greatest transformations this school has ever seen, and because of this we've received an undue share of non-traditional ridicule and disrespect.

I could fill the rest of this page with all the things we've lost from first class dyke to our own rat class; however, I choose rather to reflect upon what we've gained. A man who makes adversity his ally has no enemy in failure. Through constant sacrifice and disappointment we've developed immunity to the adverse affects of hardship. Where most see obstacles and fear of failure we've come to see challenges and opportunities to succeed. We may have surrendered privilege but only to gain strength.

We are a result of our environment; not only graduates of the hardest school in the nation, but graduates of the hardest school in the nation in one of the hardest times in its history. Though the results may not be evident quite yet, I'm confident that time will confirm my belief that we are none other than the hardest and strongest class to ever be produced by the Virginia Military Institute. 06 06 06.

Class of 2006 Vice President  
Christopher M. Stolle





**Colin C. Adams**  
Lexington, VA

*Air Force - Psychology*



**Kevin K. Aldrich**  
Chesapeake, VA

*Navy - Computer Science*



**Joseph D. Amatetti**  
Vienna, VA

*Navy - Civil Engineering*  
"Joe"

Well, it's all over. It seems like just yesterday I was showing up for STP and then the Rat Line. There have been a lot of good and bad memories and I wouldn't trade this experience for anything.

To my Brother Rats: I couldn't have done this without you. I will always remember the times we shared and the pranks we pulled. Jake, my rat, you keep improving every day, keep up the good work and always know that I'll be there for you no matter what. Clair, you have made VMI bearable. We've had a great three and half years and you've taken the whole VMI experience in stride. Thank you for being there for me when the times were rough and I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you. And finally, Mom, Dad, Christian and Ashley, I could have never accomplished the things I have without your support. I love you all and only wish that I can someday help and support you like you have done for me all of these years.

It is the Soldier, not the minister  
Who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the Soldier, not the reporter  
Who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the Soldier, not the poet  
Who has given us freedom of speech.

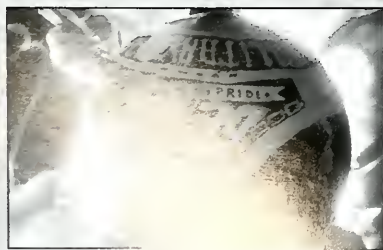
It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer  
Who has given us freedom to protest.

It is the Soldier, not the lawyer  
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the Soldier, not the politician  
Who has given us the right to vote.

It is the Soldier who salutes the flag,  
Who serves beneath the flag,  
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,  
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.

Without my buddies this place  
would have been even worse.



2003  
2009: Jan

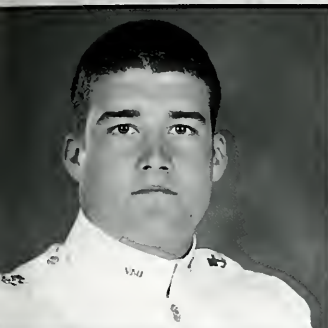


2003: Patrick Szvetitz  
2009: Jamie Fernandez, Keith Simpson



2003: Charles Wagner  
2009: Mike Harvey

Rugby 3; Bodybuilding 1; CE Playboys 2



**John A. Anderson**  
Camp Lejeune, NC

*Air Force - Mechanical Engineering*



**James G. Angerman**  
Corte Madera, CA

*Navy - Mechanical Engineering*  
"Jimmy, Angryman, Weeble,  
That Guy, Jimmy MF Angerman"



**Marc L. Antonelli**  
Richmond, VA

*Air Force - Psychology*  
"Antwoneezy, Inopportune Marc,  
D-Flaillin"

Where do you start with this thing? First off, congratulations to the Class of 2006. I personally never thought half of you could make it, me included. Honestly, I say I am not going to miss this place. On the other hand, I will miss all the great things I have made and I wish y'all the best of luck with your future endeavors.

Looking back we have shared a great memories: Hollywood Hotel, the car and the Michelin Man, spring break always off the chains, pimpin' the 2livecrew, randomness with the mates (RIP Fredrick Douglas the musician), lots of coffee, 3 musketeers, calls, VMI Rugby, and of course the ES!!!

To the rest of you stuck here just remember this place sucks, so get over it. Every day it will all be over, so until then, make the best of the time you are here. Remember there is always tons of DUDE out there to be spread so keep it plentiful. I'm a rollercoasterboy. DUDES IN HEAT!!!!

Though I'm usually a man of few words, it has been a long four years. Time flew. It seemed like yesterday that we were lined up with our idiot tags around our necks. Only 216 rats remain. A lot has changed in our lives; however, one thing has always been there: Brother Rats. The best friends I have ever had, and will ever have, sat in JM Hall with me on matriculation day. We move on to another chapter in our lives now. Best of luck to my Brother Rats going into the service. Stay safe. For those going into the civilian world, good luck finding a job. We all grew together and matured together. (I'm not sure how much we matured, but my mom said I did once).

I want to thank my Dad, Mom, Grandma, and Elizabeth for sticking with me for these four years. With your love and support I've made it through this school. Thanks to all of the roomies for putting up with all my antics. To the Commandant Staff, thanks for the leadership lesson? To the Vikings: JHBP3. I'll forever be "that guy". Weebles wobble but they don't fall down! Good luck Brother Rats.

"We few, we happy few, we band of brothers." -Shakespeare  
Congratulations Class of 2006!

My grandfather always told me VMI would make me a man. I feel that I have accomplished what I thought I couldn't do, and what others thought I wouldn't. As I sit here now, I can say to those who doubted me...suck it.

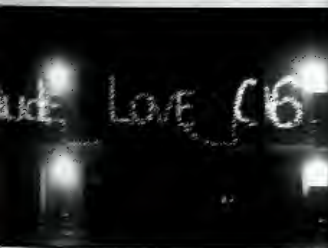
I could not have done it without my family, friends, and God. My family has always been there beside me even when they were so far away. To my mom, my brothers: Jon, Christian, Taylor, and Gray, I know you are all very proud of me, and I love you. To Nana and Pooh, Gamma and Gran. I love all of you, and I cherish every moment I have spent with you. I will not let you down. To my Aunt Lisa, thank you for everything. You have gone beyond the responsibilities of an aunt, you are truly a saint.

To all my family, I dedicate all of my time spent here at VMI...To my friends, I'll never forget the beach, wafflehouse, the drive, breaking things, loud mess hall crew, "Daddy", (L-Train), broken plates, Steeweiser, SOJA, 40s, throwing bottles out of the family SUV, the flood, Parker's, McQueen's, Sam's Dorm...good times. Kevin, how many birds can you kill with one stone?, Dan, where's your rack?, Tyler, watch out for the black ice behind barracks. Matt, you're truly a mustard artist. Chris, you really mollywhopped your computer. Football Head, you love Steeweiser and your sweater, and we love you. Seth, we know you're tough now. To all of those on Frat Row, if I don't see you...keep on truckin'. Col T, you're awesome. To Austin, Tom, Biff, Leonard, Mo, Doug, Sloan, Steve-O and Cyrus, thanks for opening my eyes. My rats Austin and Kyle, I couldn't have asked for better.

To all those not mentioned, I'll always be there. To McQueen, thanks for always being there. I love you. "God bless our team and God bless..." Peace.

Rugby 2,1; Ranger Company 3; Tool 3,2;  
PVT 4,1

Club Soccer 2; Club Basketball 1; Pre-Law Society 2,1; Philosophy Club 2, (Pres) 1; Big Red Club (Pres) 1; Rat Challenge, 1; Ac Mentor 1; Sabbatical, 3



2003: Paul Keddell  
2009: Christopher Johnston



2003: Jason Boatright  
2009: Rian Hagerich, Nick Roberts



2003: Collin Wheel  
2009: Kyle Braun, Austin Keller





**Albert E. Arline**  
Chesapeake, VA

*Army - International Studies*



**Christopher J. Authier**  
Richmond, VA

*Air Force - International Studies*  
"FratRat"



**Christopher A. Back**  
Springfield, VA

*Navy - Mechanical Engineering*

There's a delightful image in Plato, which explains why a sensible person is right to steer clear of politics. He sees everyone else rushing into the street and getting soaked in the pouring rain. He can't persuade them to go indoors and keep dry. He knows if he went out too, he'd merely get equally wet. So he just stays indoors himself, and, as he can't do anything about other people's stupidity, comforts himself with the thought: 'Well, I'm all right, anyway.'

-Sir Thomas More

I can say with certainty that the past four years at VMI have been exhausting, inflexible, and most importantly improving.

I have become increasingly proud that I attend the most demanding school there is. When asked why we came and stayed at VMI, no one of us will be able to describe the sacrifice and goodness we have earned without taking a deep breath.

We are stronger because of it. We are capable of doing anything because we know what it's like to be out of time, sick, tired, hungry, lonely, and irritated. In the civilian world, people aware of VMI have come up to me and thanked me for being a part of something completely unselfish. We sacrificed four potential years of fun for something better than ourselves. Pride is only earned unselfishly.

Rats, your Dykes and I can all agree that we could not have had better Rats. You'll see when you're in your last year, how important it is to pick a good rat. Well we got six exceptional ones. I'm sure you know that I'm here for you guys and our little family will never be over. (You'll be pushing under the rack for me till we're 90 yrs old.)

To all my roommates and buddies, you guys have taught me a sh\*tload on life and how great people can be. Bahamas, bars, hot-tubs, foursomes, going crazy in our rooms, running the block, roof of barracks, Breakout, colleges, all nighters, one-nighters, a few sad no-nighters, Colliers, Title IX, Commandant's house, Wet beds, Wet roommates, Wet mates, etc....LIVE SQUAD knows what's up. See you down the road

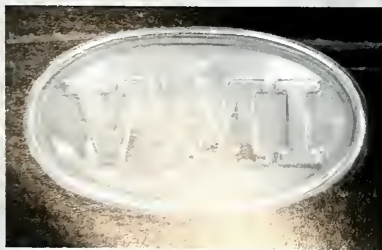
Finally, the end of this rigorous journey is coming to a sudden end. Being released from prison after serving four "wonderful" years is going to be great. I do not know, convinced me to come to VMI, but I am that I have made it to the light at the end of the tunnel. Countless memories will stick with me forever, and the friends that I have made will never be forgotten. I never knew how good it felt to be at home until my first fall break of Rat year. I may not have realized it first, but VMI has made me a better person. I have definitely become more mature, a decision maker, an excellent student, and importantly a well-rounded cadet.

With my brother rats: I had my first beer, went to my first strip club, streaked the UVA lawn, and snuck over to W&L multiple times. Being a mechanical engineering major caused me to lose many hours of sleep, but I wouldn't change it for the world. My professors are some of the smartest and most brilliant gentlemen I have ever met. I will never forget the many hours marching in the summer (in blizzard conditions) and serving confinement for months at a time.

There were days that I hated VMI, but those days that make this place the top military school in the nation. I have never been challenged more mentally in my entire life. However, I have to admit that the physical fitness is a joke. I would like to thank my parents and my brother rats for a successful four years. I will be one happy alumnus graduating from this most honorable and prestigious military school. May God bless you all and HOO! Motivators!!!!

Rat Challenge; Club Soccer; Volleyball Club; Power Lifting Club; The Cadet Newspaper Writer

NCAA VMI Swimming and Diving, Trident South Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, General Chemistry Fellowship



2003: Joseph  
2009: Matthew



2003: Chris Drinkwater  
2009: Joshua Geber, Gareth da Cunha



2003: Bubba Matthews  
2009: Alex Kim



**Christopher A. Baker**  
Rocky Point, NC

*Air Force - Chemistry*



**Todd M. Baldwin**  
West Des Moines, IA

*Army - International Studies*



**Marcus T. Barnes**  
Elizabethtown, KY

*Army - Biology*

I'm going to miss you guys. I am ashamed to admit it. I know only that will seem less exciting, less organized, definitely less drunk once I put barracks in rearview mirror that one last time. Throughout my years here, I've learned so many things. I've learned to solve complex equations and how to take notes while barely awake. I've learned that we are people in the world, outside your reality that you can rely on; and who will be able to help you when you need it most. I've learned that with time and patience we can eat spaghetti and wear white uniforms without the two meeting.

I've also realized that what scares me most about leaving the Institute is not living in the real world, not being solely responsible for the outcome of my life, being unsure what to wear, but being afraid that I will not live up to the grandeur, the success that will come of the rest of my class. I hope you all make it very difficult for me, and I hope that you keep in mind that whether we live five rooms apart from one another, or six states away, we will always be around.

My time at VMI, which seemed to never end, is finally coming to a close. In my four years at VMI I have grown as a person more than I ever thought possible. I want to thank my roommates Burgess, James, and Tommy. You guys have been there for me through it all. You have not only been my college roommates and friends, but will be my friends for the rest of my life. I couldn't have asked for better people than you four. To my rats...STRAIN. Dennis and John, you guys have been wonderful and I am honored and proud to be your dyke. I always said it and I'll say it again...BE GOOD boys.

Thanks to the Keydet football team, I loved playing college football with you guys; you're the best teammates I could have ever asked for. To my mom and dad, thanks for always being there for me, you guys have supported me more than anyone could ask for. The love you've given me through my life can never be repaid. My four years of VMI are coming to an end and trust me; it's a pretty damn good feeling.

First, I would like to thank my family for being there with me every step of the way; without you all I would truly be lost. Next goes to the 7 dudes that I know I would not have stayed if it hadn't been for, the "hb's" all of you are like brothers to me. We all have plenty of memories to take with us and talk about years from now. And to everyone else in the Class of 2006, good luck in the future, stay blessed.

AT S-1, Cadet Battery, Student ACS, The Keydetators, Timmons-Gentry, Racquetball Club

Football 4,3,2,1



2003: David Bartles  
2009: Theodore Linville, Tauseef Sheikh



2003: Chris Walsh  
2009: John Collier, Dennis Dunaway



2003: Franklin Carleton, William Hale  
2009: Keith Taylor, Victor Wells





**Jamaila Barrantes**  
Virginia Beach, VA

*Air Force - Mechanical Engineering*  
"Jay, Jam, Jams, Jamilah, Maila, T.J.,  
Bootyantes, Babygirl, Shorty"



**Lewis S. Bartholomew**  
Richmond, VA

*Army - International Studies*  
"Bart, L. Scott, Puke, Fart-tholomew"



**Stephen M. Bartoszak**  
Centereach, NY

*Marine Corps - International Studies*  
"Bart, Sack, Bartosaurus,  
Mouth of the North, Ballsack, Ball"

Thank you mom and dad, for giving me everything I could ever want or need. Thank you to my sisters, who remind me of how I used to be. To all of the life-long friends I've made here: you kept me smiling, you kept me laughing, and you gave me an outlet in which I could vent. I will always remember the late night "stoop-talks". Thanks.

This bubble we call VMI, is not just a place; it's made up of the people you come in contact with while you're here. It's your closest friend, whom you've promised to share a meal with once a month, no matter where you live after graduation. It's the rat roommate, who survived and made it to graduation with you. It's the professor, who keeps you motivated, which makes you try harder in his class. It's the mentor, who stands up for what is right, no matter the consequences. It's the men and women who came before you—your dykes, and the ones that will be there when you're gone—your rats.

Looking back, I would not have changed my experience here at VMI for anything. (Well, maybe a cold beer and an episode of family guy.) In the end, I'm happy with the person that I've become; a person that VMI has had a hand in developing.

Scott came to VMI an aspiring Army officer and after 4 years of "eating" potato sticks and playing early 1990's video games he's done. Somewhere along his stay here at the "I" he decided to wage war against his bowels; unfortunately his roommates were the only casualties of that war. Scott was always the clean one, but managed to get the desk and wall locker that had it out for him since day one. His evil desk cost him, and often times his roommates, many weekends here at the "I." Always caught with his pants down, Scott most likely greeted you with a shrug of the shoulders and a friendly grunt. He will always appreciate his rats dressing him while still in the rack. Scott was always known for his easy going attitude and constantly on guard against The Man's constant attempts to get him down. He will always be remembered as a friend to all, and as the one to always brighten anyone's day.

— Your Roommates

Thank you Mom, Dad and Rust for all the love and support you have given me these past 4 years (and the 19 before that). I'd also like to thank the brother rats who gave me a reason to return to this crazy place every August. Especially the random guys assigned to room with me.

Psalm 78.49-50

ASME 4.3,2,1; SWE 4.3,2,1; Club Soccer 4; NCAA Soccer 3; Cheerleading 2,1; Intl. Club 2, 1; CEA 2, 1; Weight Room Asst. 3; Career Services Asst. 2, 1; Donce Club 2, 1

F-Troop LIFE; 7th CPL 3; 1st platoon SGT 2; PVT 4, 1; Ranger Company 3; Blood Drive Committee 3, 2, 1; F-Troop OGA rep 1; Club Lacrosse 2, 1; A-1 Club; \*35 4, 3, 2

Strength and Fitness Club (ACIC), NCM Cadre, Semper Fi Society



2003: Holly Giacalone, Tim Giles



2003: Lars Wagner  
2009: Bryce Carter, Albert Young



2003: Spencer Robbins  
2009: Frank Marinaro



**Bradley S. Bascope**  
Burke, VA

*Army - Economics*



**Steven R. Bechtel**  
Naples, FL

*Marine Corps - Mechanical Engineering*



**Derek T. Behney**  
Bethel, PA

*Army - History*

When I talk to my friends who have graduated and I ask them if they miss this place, I get one answer. They tell me, "oh I miss it! ....but it isn't the place I miss, it's the people." I think that soon I will say the same thing. I will remember my roommates from I have lived with since the very first of hell week. I will remember the great friends I have made. I will remember my first company; and, I will remember my first whom I have hopefully set on the right

I can't say that I will miss answering questions, marching sentinel, or having to go to my girlfriend that I can't just see and see her whenever I want. I won't be hiding behind a desk just to call home, but at the same time I cannot say that it isn't worth every second.

Thanks to my family, my wonderful friend Holly, and to the guys of C31. Those that still have time to go just remember, VMI is what you make of it. I won't blow it off because before you know your time has come and gone. Give the place your all and you will reap the benefits. Good luck and God bless.

I just want to thank everyone that helped to drag me through the last 4 years; I think I even managed to learn a little on the way. There is absolutely no way I would be graduating if it wasn't for teachers like Hyre, Siemers, and Sexton. The many late nights in Nichols with the rest of the ME department are starting to pay off. Thank you Terry Slack, Isaac Cecil, and everyone else in the caves of Nichols at 2am working on the energy projects with me, I would not have made it without you. L-Train thank you for the number 5 you really did improve my GPA. SGM Neel, broken bones heal, might as well have fun.

I have learned a lot, both what not to do, and some of what to do. Brian, you are a true friend, a little misguided sometimes, but a good friend none the less. Jimmy, the first step to solving a problem is admitting that you have one; help is only a mouse click away. Jeff, you are a great friend, and I wish you and Liz the best of Luck. To all of the Marines, Semper Fi, I'll see you in the fleet.

First, to all my BR's I would like to say it has been an honor to share the last 4 years with you. This place has developed the bonds that will connect us for the rest of our lives. Bonds based on honor, hardships, pride, and unity. To all of my roommates in the past I would like to say that I will never forget the many memories that we have had.

To my rats I want you to remember everything we have taught you this year. Always try your best and never quit no matter what. To our ring seconds remember to drink some for us next year. To Mikey we may not agree on baseball teams, but we still throw the best parties. Never forget Corps Trip weekend and the best car ride ever. To Jeff it's almost scary how much we are alike. Always remember the good times at JMU. Hopefully the plowing business will continue to be good. HTGNTP I will never forget Club 147.

I would like to leave with a quote. "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." Edmund Burke

Special Arts CIC 2; Power lifting CIC 1; BOMB  
Business Manager 1



2003: Jim Kuhn  
2009: Charles Lincoln, Kyle Elgert

Bulldog 3,2



2003: Christopher Gromadsky  
2009: Karl Mulcahy, Patrick Pillow

Track 4; A-1 Club 3; RDC 1



2003: Donnie Williams  
2009: Philip Korinis





**Jeffrey L. Bennett**  
Danville, VA

*Air Force - English*



**David K. Bhatta**  
Midlothian, VA

*Army - Psychology*  
"Swan"



**Amber Blain**  
Ft. Irwin, CA

*Air Force - History*

I'm from VA; it was destined that I would become a cadet, and if I had to decide again I would still come here. It was also destined that I would be offended by some of the traditions of this place, such as fixing bayonets, which is equivalent to honoring the South during the Civil War. By the way, if you fly the flag at half mast in honor of Rosa Parks at a "southern school" you should consider acknowledging Martin Luther King Day. How can you hate someone based on the pigmentation of their skin? We are all human; we all have one nose, etc.

Thank you: mom, dad, brothers, KeJuan, dykes, rats, track team, Coaches, especially for allowing me to fulfill my childhood dream, English dept & the writing center for teaching me the true meaning of persistence (especially when revising papers), roomies over the years, Trouble Bros, Jungle Juice, high jump spikes, 757 peeps, real facebook friends, Highlawn, JMU, Va Tech, Clemson, UVA, my 94 Geo Prizm, Jay Z, Eddie Money, G Unit, Dip Set, and the great city of Danville for preparing me for a place like VMI. Since this is the 10<sup>th</sup> year since the late great Tupac Shakur has passed I will leave with the following quote from him: "Only the strong survive; life isn't fair."

We came like ticks from the woods. From different walks, with southern draws and nasal squawks. We've had our bumps, our close calls, our near misses... but, most importantly - our successes. Room 142 owes most of those to Dave. He's been our voice of reason for four years, and he's done a hell of a job. The Swan, the myth, the legend, he has been there for us. From lowly private, to Hotel Company Commander, and future 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, he's been a model VMI cadet - often fielding the question, "You REALLY live with those guys?" He's taken this place in stride, with vigor, and sometimes with a roaring hangover, but always with a sense of duty and integrity. The coiner of nicknames, the sender of scathing Emails to people in very important places, the only one of us who seems to be able to handle a long and meaningful relationship with his girlfriend... M-Dub, Cornelius, Smitty, and Monk appreciate his help, his advice, and his proverbial kicks in the ass. We will miss having him around, but chances are... he won't get rid of us that easily... Lovelovelovelovelove -Werner

The bond that makes us brothers will never die, for throughout life we will go through hardships and find our brothers at our side.

To my family and Emily, I love you and thanks for everything.

Ambs--as I think back over all the good times I've experienced at VMI there isn't a single memory that doesn't involve you. You've been my sister, best friend, and roommate- all in one. There's no me without you, as everyone who knows me can tell- because wherever I am, the you are also (even in class!) We are truly the original Vanilla and Chocolate... How can I ever forget those late nights in Rm 126 (yeah, that train is late!) Susie Smith (wait, isn't she in prison in SC?); Ross and Rugged Warehouse; weekends at JMU getting towed; our sexy dance video from the club; laughing at Tamera's pics; CC (by the way, did we ever really go to the sessions?); doing the Noke; going 115 from Harrisonburg; jumping through Emily and Margaret's window two minutes before meeting faggots at DQ; laughing so hard I cried...

You are such a beautiful person of love and energy. Never forget that you are a Georgia Peach when the world goes you down. You are my complete opposite yet we've formed a friendship so deep nothing can unravel our bond. And what I say nothing, I truly do mean NOTHING. Last thing...have a good night!!!! SMILE. Love ya girl. XOXO.

-Trina

I love you Heather Jean, Robs, Tori and Ke'ra

Track & Field, Civil Air Patrol



2003: Michael Lokale,  
2009: Taiili Evans



2003: Wes Swank  
2009: Derek Kosecki, Steven Nash



2003: Alia Hamad  
2009: Roxanne Franck, Victoria Pri

Track & Field, Cross Country



**Charles M. Blake**  
Chesapeake, VA

*Army - Modern Languages*  
"Drunk Uncle Charlie, Cunningham"



**Eric J. Bliss**  
Fredericksburg, VA

*Air Force - Mechanical Engineering*  
"Carlos, BlissEJ, Guido, Wop"



**Paul B. Boulden, Jr.**  
Glen Allen, VA

*Navy - Mechanical Engineering*

My sentence within these walls  
in August 20, 2001. Since then I have  
and learned many things. I have seen  
Saturday nights in barracks than I ever  
to remember; due to being on either  
ro, can-pro, or confinement (me and  
Captain", makin' it hap...signing off  
nment checks), or a combination of  
e, for 4 semesters.

I have learned that, after 40 or 50  
you can hold a rifle at right shoulder  
indefinitely. I learned all the words to  
it the Frog's "Rainbow Connection",  
saw the world's largest slip-n-slide in  
barracks whenever it would rain hard  
people would plug up the drains. I  
ed abroad twice, and laughed at a lot  
unks here and abroad. I had people  
n at me...and get mad at me for spilling  
rages in their room.

I had great dykes: Salmaan, I  
ed a lot from you and things you taught  
ill stick with me today. Jim, you were  
and taught me not to be so uptight  
t things. Larkin, I can relate to you a  
ou're a great friend; that helps being  
longer than 4 years. I was 2005: my  
is gone, I thank you all for treating me  
all as you have, even though I was not  
of yours.

While attending VMI there  
have been many lessons learned and  
experiences had. Here is just a list of some  
of the great times: Boozin at the tailgates,  
Margarita Wednesdays, The Don Tequila  
Challenge, the Live Squad, Combo #42,  
Main Street Brawlers, Ugly ass Hollins  
girls...haha, crazy @ss Radford weekends,  
Halloween at JMU, and the remaining  
countless good times.

It was fun boys... it was fun. Bill,  
thanks for being a great roommate. I don't  
know how you put up with me for three  
years, but it was good rooming with you. To  
those still stuck inside (Jon, Dan, Hole, Clint):  
make the best of it!

Our revels now are ended. These our actors,  
As I foretold you, were all spirits, and  
Are melted into air, into thin air;  
And, like the baseless fabric of this vision,  
The cloud-capp'd towers,  
The gorgeous palaces,  
The solemn temples, the great globe itself,  
Yea, all which it inherit, shall dissolve,  
And, like this insubstantial pageant faded,  
Leave not a rack behind. We are such stuff  
As dreams are made on; and our little life  
Is rounded with a sleep.

The Tempest. Act IV, Sc. 1

Band 4,3,2,1; Rat Challenge 3,2;  
T 2; Ice Hockey 1

Racquetball, Volunteer Fire Fighter, Air Force  
Association



2002: Salmaan Khawaja



2003: Joe Matkins  
2009: John Saunders



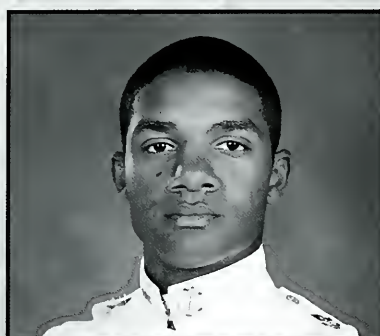
2008: Ryan Corcoran





**Thomas P. Bradford**  
Ellsworth, PA

*Air Force - Psychology*  
"Brad"



**Anthony T. Bradley**  
Queens, NY

*Navy - International Studies*



**Christopher J. Brandt**  
Chesapeake, VA

*Air Force - Civil Engineering*

I have spent 4 years here at VMI. A lot has happened along the way. Am I glad that I did it? You bet. Was it worth it? Absolutely. Would I do it again if I had to? Nope. I've learned more in 4 years than I ever imagined possible. I have had a lot of great and worthwhile experiences. Some of the more important lessons that VMI doesn't claim to teach is how to get yourself out of trouble quicker than you got in, killing you is the worst thing anyone can possibly do so no punishment is that bad... except maybe a Coatee and woolies parade, and absolutely the most important lesson is how to have a sense of humor no matter how bad or weird the situation gets.

Of course we all know I couldn't have done this alone. First and foremost I would like to thank my parents who raised me only to deposit the family's first born as a sacrifice to the "Virginia War Machine" that fateful August morning. If I had to choose only one group of people who have made my success possible it is without a doubt my brother rats, Bobby and Matt, you are the best roommates I have ever had. My codykes Andrew and David, I couldn't have asked for more. If it weren't for you Tom, Tom squared would only be Tom. My rats Ben, Matt and Adam, you have been good to me, keep each other in line and keep up the good work, I look forward to attending all of your graduations in May of 2009. All of my brother rats from Tim Fairchild to my class president John Glasscock who have gone overseas to defend our great nation also need to be recognized. Thank you all of you.

First I would like to dedicate this testimonial to my mother, Deborah J. Bradley. Her love and support for me, my education and career aspirations, have helped me to stay focused and motivated during these very challenging years at the Institute.

The VMI experience is one that can never be duplicated or fully expressed in words, but it is one that when completed, bestows an incredible sense of pride in every graduate. I have spent many hours in Preston Library and I not only learned the subject matter, but learned that hard work makes the time go quickly. My three year cadetship came and went in a flash. This, combined with my brothers Chris Yoder and Dan Swift, have taught me that time well spent is time cherished, and therefore moments worth remembering come and go in flashes.

The RAT-line, Ring Figure, and graduation are all defining moments in my life and I will never forget these pinnacle points, but one event that I look forward to more and more is the day I receive a commission in the United States Navy. I have worked hard my entire life so that one day I will earn the privilege of serving in our nation's armed services. With that said, I wish peace and long life to all of my family, friends, and Brother Rats, and especially to our men and women serving overseas.

Take care and God speed!

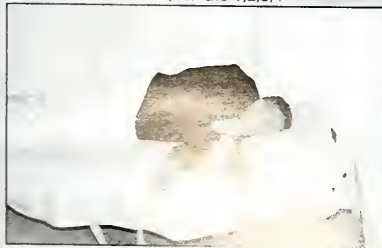
This is the end of four years which been both challenging and rewarding the same time. Although I cannot get out of here and start a new chapter in my life, I will greatly miss this place. Institute has given me many opportunities that I otherwise would never have afforded and, although my time here has been a unique and exciting journey, the best part of it has been the friends I have made along the way. Thanks to the guys who have been there the way—especially John Fox, Phil Hahn, Welsh, and Joe Gill—it has been a great years and I couldn't have made it without you. Garrett and Paulvince—I had great times with you guys and I'm excited about great things in the future.

Many thanks to all the coaches and faculty who have helped make my experience so memorable and to my parents for all the dedication and support you have given me over the years. To the track kids—keep working hard—you are a great group and you have a tremendous amount of potential. To my Rats—take advantage of your time here, even though it may not seem like it, it will go very quickly, but it will be some of the most rewarding years of your life. In the entire class of 2006, take care, God bless, and good luck in the future. Congratulations guys...we've earned it!

Regimental Band 1,2,3,4; Ranger Company 3; Cadet Battery 3,2,1; Civil War Round Table 1,2; NSIB 1,2,3,4; CRO PT 2; Private 1,2,3,4

1<sup>st</sup> Corporal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon Sergeant, Trident Society, Body Building Club

NCAA Track & Field 4,3,2,1; Cadet Investment Group 3,2,1; S-2 Staff 3,2,1



2003: Colin Maize  
2009: Benjamin Schuler



2004: Justin Bierens

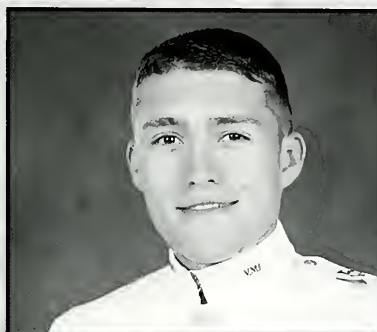


2003: Matt Brady  
2009: Nathan Warner, Jasper Warner



**Charles H. Brennan**  
Arlington, VA

Marine Corps - English  
"Chucky"



**Cyprian V. Brodowski**  
East Flat Rock, NC

Army - History



**Christian H. Brown**  
Woodbridge, VA

Navy - Physics  
"Mathboy"

Huh. VMI. I hate the stuff they've made me do, but I love the guys I've done with. I will not compliment the system but this to any VMI graduates and cadets: You rise or fall, it's because of how you bonded to the life here, not due to the likes of old southern geezers. People ask: Mom and Dad, couldn't have done it without you. Mark, you kicked my ass into being a grownup, thanks. Babs, Mom, Danny, Jeep, I love you guys, Jon, Sean, and Sean, the Slappahoe Nation Nick and Jimmy, you're the best. Any one whose name doesn't fit, thanks. My faculty, the only VMI people who understand, both ROTC and English, thank you for all you do. To the administration guys, especially Super Eyebrows, I hope I'm gone before the time you read this, 'cause you're the one on this place stinks.

Things I remember fondly: Hunan's 1st year, watching *Friends* and listening to the Snake 3rd Class year, boxing and The Figure 2nd class year, and pretending in Barracks 1st class year. To my rats; don't be stupid, work hard for what you want, remember to have fun. Most of all, be excellent to each other. Brother Rats, we fought the good fight, we finished the race, we kept the faith.

After graduating as officers we were ready to shed our blood in defence of our regimental honour, and as for true honour, hardly any one of us knew what that was, and even if anyone had discovered what it was he himself would have been the first to ridicule it. Drunkenness, rowdiness, and bravado were almost something to be proud of. I can't say that we were wicked; all those young people were good, but they behaved badly, and I was the worst of all.

-Fyodor Dostoevsky

One time I was asked that timeless question by the typical college goer, "Why VMI?" I found myself replying "All cadets past and present need not speak to know each other, need not speak to understand each other, and need not meet each other to call themselves brothers."

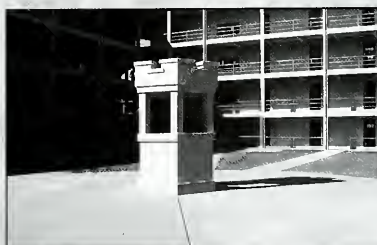
After four years that have had highs and most definitely lows, I still find that to be true. I didn't just make friends, I made brothers, forever. On a lighter note, Joey got a new computer, Scott regained, Sean enjoyed a fifth year. In the immortal words of Joey, "We have snatched defeat from the jaws of victory."

ing Club

Pipe Band 3,2,1; Glee Club 1; Math Club 1;  
Raquetball Club 1; SPS 4,3,2,1



2003: Mark Motyleski  
2009: Durham Snuffin



2003: Raymond Best  
2009: Robert Karow



2003: Sam LaGrone  
2009: Andrew Beard





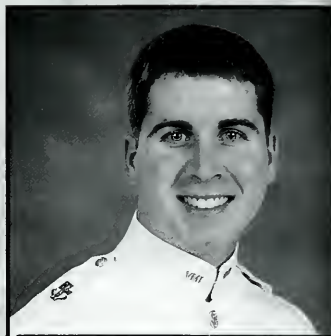
**Heather J. Brown**  
Centerville, OH

*Air Force - Biology*  
"HB, Heath, Feather, Downtown,  
Sunshine, Jeanie, MS"



**Joseph W. Brown III**  
Coronado, CA

*Navy - Computer Science*



**David A. Bruster**  
Midlothian, VA

*Navy - History*

It's hard to believe we're done already. Four years come and gone. I would first and foremost like to thank God for all the blessings in my life; without Him I am lost. Next I would like to thank my father, Charlie. Daddy, you are my hero. Thank you for all of your guidance and wisdom. I see so much of you living inside of me. You are my angel. Now that you are serving our Lord in heaven, I will continue to take care of mama. I promise to make you proud. I'm always your little girl. God, Country, Family... I will never forget. I would like to thank my mother, Debbie. Mama, you have given me unconditional love and support throughout my years, and for that I am eternally grateful. You are an amazing, beautiful, and strong woman. I hope one day I can be the mama and wife that daddy and I are so blessed to have had. To my dyke, Devin: You instilled in me the tools necessary to be successful here and in life. I am forever thankful. Then there is Amba. Thank you for your endless friendship. You are my sister and I love you. Finally, Cliffy. I couldn't have asked for a better best friend these last 8 years. I love you Bro.

-1 Corinthians 13-

These have been a tough four years. But we made it. Every day brought a new challenge. Some of those were more difficult than others, but rarely was it dull. I would like to thank my BR's for helping me get through these rough four years. Also, I want to thank my parents for supporting me, or forcing me, to get through this place. I will never forget the experiences learned or the times spent with my BR's (both the good and the bad). I will never regret coming to VML.

Well it has been a crazy four years, who would have known we would actually have made it to this point? I'd like to thank my family for always being there for me, being my support, for keeping me coming back to this place after every break, fun, and weekend. How the heck did y'all do it? How the heck did I actually finish this place? I've spent my college career wondering I didn't get kicked out! I've experienced semesters where I couldn't leave this place, all, and I've even spent a semester abroad (the best decision of my life). I've made the best of friends, had the best of times, and who knows where I will end up next.

Even as I write these 250 words describing my time at VML I'm wondering if I'll graduate on time or not. You know, Cliff Ferguson put it best once in Leadership Lab first class year, "If I happen to stumble a diploma I'm never giving a dime back, I guess we'll just have to see about that." I change my mind like the Stoopies change toilet paper...

Well BR's of the Class of 2006, here we are, raise your glasses and let out a yell, because we're finally getting out of Hell!!! Good ladies and gentlemen, y'all keep on keepin' on!

Cheerleading 3,4; Promaji 3,4; Drill Team 1,2



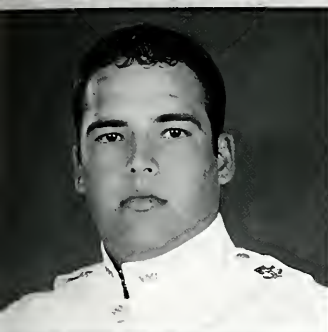
2003: Devin  
2009: Atalea Tuff, etc.



2003: Trey Guy  
2009: Alan Keith

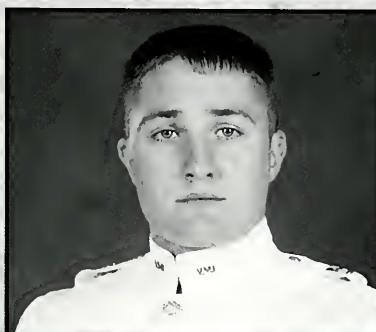


2003: Stuart Chambers  
2006: Benjamin Felts



**Chase R. Buchanan**  
Tazewell, VA

*Air Force - Civil Engineering*  
"Buck"



**Scott M. Buhman**  
Portage, IN

*Army - History*



**Zohn J. Burden**  
Virginia Beach, VA

*Air Force - Psychology*

The four long years are finally over. I want to thank you Mom and Dad for being there through it all. I couldn't have done it without you- I love you. Aaron, thanks for being behind me all the way, being there anytime I need to talk to someone. Isaac and Jake, we have been through it all together. Who would have dreamed that three guys from Tazewell would start kindergarten together and then go on to graduate from VMI? This was an experience that many people won't ever understand, and I feel that what we have been through will last in our minds forever. I couldn't have done it without you guys. I love you. BT, JJ, Swepp it has been a blast of the last 4 years playing ball with you. Good luck to you all in whatever you do. For the love of the Baseball guys give 'em hell.

"These walls are kind of funny. First you hate 'em, then you get used to 'em. Then time passes, gets so you depend on 'em." - The Shawshank Redemption.  
Yeah, right. Thank God it's finally

Well I haven't been much of a talker... I usually say what is on my mind and to the point, so here is my confessional. My dyke is Chip Hancock, I am in Army ROTC, and my major is History. So there you have it, my cadetship in a nut shell. Peace out.

It is the Soldier, not the minister  
Who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the Soldier, not the reporter  
Who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the Soldier, not the poet  
Who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer  
Who has given us freedom to protest.

It is the Soldier, not the lawyer  
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the Soldier, not the politician  
Who has given us the right to vote.

It is the Soldier who salutes the flag,  
Who serves beneath the flag,  
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,  
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.

Football 4,3,2,1



2003: Chris Byington  
2009: Kevin Booth, Chad Westmoreland



2003: Chip Hancock  
2009: Jonathan C. Brown



2003: Franklin Carleton  
2009: Bryan Royster





**Joel A. Burger**  
Warren, OH

*Navy - International Studies*



**Mark E. Bush**  
Bristol, TN

*Air Force - Physics*  
"Angry Silly, Sunshine and Hatred"



**Jeffrey J. Butwell, Jr.**  
Naugatuck, CT

*Army - History*  
"Jeff, JJ, Jota Fresca"

Over the past four years I have experienced the hardest, and best, times of my life. In the end, there is no place in the world I would have rather been. There are so many things I could not have learned anywhere else. Most notably: how to wake up four minutes before a formation; how to drink mess hall coffee; how to start a paper at two in the morning the night before it is due; how to eat a meal in three minutes; how to survive on one hour of sleep; how to hold my tongue.

I have heard outsiders call us 'conformists' when, in actuality, the opposite is true. We all have the same haircut and we all wear the same clothes, but VMI brings out your individuality. In an environment where you blend in with everyone else, your identity lies purely in your actions.

To my Brother Rats, I wish you the success you have earned. May our bond as Brother Rats carry on throughout the rest of our lives. To the Class of 2009, I wish you the success that is yours for the taking. I would like to thank my parents, who instilled in me VMI's virtues far before they were cemented into my existence by the Institute. Godspeed to the Class of 2006!

Mom, Dad, thank you for everything, from dropping me off with mono to a shattered ankle. =) No really, without you two and Rachel's humor I don't know if I could have made it. I don't need to say anything about the Silly Squad. My physics boys we had some good times. Well, they weren't good, but you two made it worthwhile. Death squad don't let up and give into daddy's reign. Bryan, we had some times that we will never be able to tell anyone because one, they won't believe us and two, it's just not right. I'm sure that our 5<sup>th</sup> year will have many more times such as these. Silly and Phil what can I say? From Silly's motor boat to Phil being well Phil, it has been fun. Timmie, fat ones happen. My rats, you know my views on this place. Good luck with it all. Brick, study and keep your chin up. Spanish, you still owe me two things, call me when you get them lined up.

The Institute can teach you a lot about yourself. If nothing more, it is a place where incredibly strong friendships are built. They are built on honor, trust, and loyalty. These bonds will never break. Never forget club 419, episode of 374, 247 and go, go, style, Echo Company Night Squad, the course, Conan's Creed, BLFT, room go HTGNTP, D and J Plowing, POW, Lightning, the R factor, July, BBW, OSCAR-D, Red Blue, Rat Challenge, and Goshen.

To my parents: thanks for all your help and support, it does not go unappreciated. To all my roommates guys have made it worthwhile. Mike, friend, co-dyke, and roommate for four years, I couldn't have done it without you. Derek, together we can take on anything, bro, and the game has just begun. Since we've been through a lot together and this place has only made our friendship stronger. Rats of 147, Erik, Phil and Finn, pass on what we have taught you and leave this place with more than what you came with. Tiger Echo, Brother Rats, and friends: continue to live your lives with violence, intensity and discipline. Crush the Enemy.

"To live this way is not for the meek."

-Third Eye Blind

Cadet Newspaper; English Society; Timmins-Gentry Music Society; Marathon Club; International Club; Promaji Club



2008  
2009: Shane Adams



2003: Jared Hull  
2009: Edward Clarkson, Adam Hernandez

Rat Challenge 4; Rat Challenge Cadre 3.2, Cadre 1; Ranger Challenge 3; Scuba 3; NC 4.3.2.1; CSG 4.3.2.1; Ranger Company 3.2



2003: Chris Adams  
2009: Erik Kierstead



**Ian P. Camper**  
Buchanan, VA

Air Force - Civil Engineering  
"Camp Dog"



**Gabby V. Canceran**  
Woodridge, IL

Army - History



**Michael C. Carney**  
Milton, MA

Marine Corps - History

In looking back over the past four years, I begin to wonder about my decision to come to VMI, and more importantly, why. I could have received the same education from another school but VMI gave me more. VMI gave me the opportunity to meet some of the finest people in the world. We have been through thick and thin and laughed about the way. We all share the same sense of pride and hatred towards the school which no other college grad can take away. I know this country and the world will be a better place when we leave the Institute. Our Armed Forces receive the finest men and women and whom I would follow anywhere. My country will advance tremendously because of the men and women who are eager to sacrifice themselves in the civilian sector.

I would also like to recognize my family, my girlfriend Allison and her family, and for giving me the strength and support to strive for excellence. Without their love and support I wouldn't have become the man I am today.

VMI, the worst and the best years of my life...I hated the fact that I was here a few days after I matriculated, but at the same time, I know that this is the place for me. Honestly, I will miss my brother rats (especially delta co), not the place. I know that I can count on each and everyone of you whenever I need help, and you can count on me too. I will miss you guys. Andrew and Mark, I'll miss you guys. Best roommates ever...AHAHAHH, the memories

I'd like to thank my dyke, Aaron, and my uncle dykes: Scott, Will, and Brian. You guys taught me so much and what I needed to survive here. You were always there for me whenever I needed help. Adam, my rat, learn from this place and always remember to uphold the standard of VMI. Lastly, I'd like to thank my mom. You supported my decisions since day one and helped me carry on my cadetship. I love you.

Lessons learned: the history and traditions of VMI; leadership; loopholes in every rule; run the block; if it's worth it, risk it; be 5 minutes early (5 mins call); totally inappropriate jokes; hatred; bitterness; anger; alcohol; dipping; no do; unmarketable skills (shining brass and shoes); and lastly, honor, loyalty, and brotherhood.

It wasn't until summer going into first class year that I truly appreciated this place. I will always remember the people that affected my life while here- the boys: 2 live crew and our stories on Sunday nights about the little we remembered from the weekend, the tailgates of the boys in the sinks- the ones who truly welcomed me into their homes and showed me what it was like to have a family away from my own.

I'll never forget the times we had, raising the standards in the Don Tequila challenge, the weekend at the cabins, fixing computers at JMU, the Bahamas and so many more. The boys on the hockey team for a great last year, especially the little guy. The boys in Ghetto plus Chido- The bond that makes us brothers will never die, for throughout life we will go through hardships and find our brothers at our side....love you guys like brothers. Jon, Mark and Chris- what a 1st class year and it's all owed to you guys. The minions in 150, many laughs had and more to come. To my family, John and Elizabeth thank you for everything. To the most amazing and strongest woman I have ever met, my mother, I could not have gone through this without you. Thank you for always being there when I needed you Anne.



2003: Rob Bowman  
2009: David Downing



2003: Aaron Fegley  
2009: Adam Grabill

Track 4; Boxing 4; Hockey 4,3,2,1; Rat Challenge 3,2; Aviation Club 3; Pre-Law Society 3; Color Sgt 2; Bulldog 2; S-5 2,1; Boston Ruck March 1



2003: Andy Manos  
2009: Randall Smith





**Marc C. Castillo**  
Crowley, TX

*Navy - International Studies*



**Anthony J. Cavallero**  
Annandale, VA

*Army - History*  
"Tony, TC"



**Isaac B. Cecil**  
Tazewell, VA

*Air Force - Mechanical Engineering*

In retrospect the last several years have yielded some incredible experiences both great and ugly, as I believe they have for many that have come here to VMI. I cannot begin to explain them in one way or the other, for they are too diverse and complicated. But I will say this, I have learned so much, I in some inexplicable way believe that my learning process was accelerated here in all regards.

The people I wish to give thanks to are too numerous for they would take up the rest of this testimonial, but they know who they are.

As I write this, there is a shorter time ahead in the road in comparison to the rest of my BR's as I have only a month left, but what a month it will be and I'm damned ready to get the hell out of here. As it is time for those to start or end projects in life it is time for this one to end, it's just my time.

I eagerly await the coming years and coming adventures. To my rats and all GO HARD!!! and NEVER give up in pursuit of what dreams may come!!!

The years spent at this school have seemed to fly by faster than I could've imagined (Thank God). Matriculation day is so clear and I remember that exact moment when I said goodbye to everything. Since that time I have grown to understand VMI. I am proud knowing that this is the toughest military school in the country, but this pride comes after years of struggle.

The friendship that this institution fosters is its greatest reward. David, Robert, Clay, Bud, Rob, and those I missed, you are truly my brothers. My family has been my driving force. Mom, Dad, Nick, Z, Jan, and all my extended family, my love and thanks for you is immeasurable. Lacrosse was unforgettable and I am blessed to have been able to enjoy it while on my stay here.

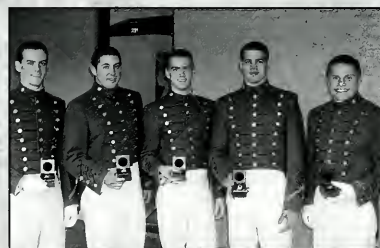
At times feeling worthless and imprisoned, I learned that the hyper strictness of VMI dynamically conditions a person in ways that guides them towards success. When burdened with all that is VMI, the future seems much brighter than ever before. I know that my success in the future will be due greatly to the knowledge and skills I learned here at VMI. Success smells good.....

Before I ever stepped foot on the grounds of the Institute I knew one thing; that the next four years of my life were going to be a sacrifice which would hopefully benefit me for the rest of my life. At the start of my journey VMI was simply a school in which I could avoid common distractions of a normal college for instance, females, booze, and illegal narcotics. I had no idea that I was about to be presented with one of the best opportunities in life that any person could ask for. The relationships that I have formed here at VMI between peers and professors couldn't be matched anywhere in the country.

To my true brothers that have been there with me on this journey, you know who you are, may God bless you and your endeavors.

Deans List 4,3,2,1; CIG 3,2,1; Marathon 2,1;  
Newman 3,1; CRSBC 2; Car in Rockbridge 3,2

Varsity Lacrosse 1, 2, 3, 4 (Captain);  
Ac Mentor 3,2



2003: Matt Dixon  
2009: Alex Friedland



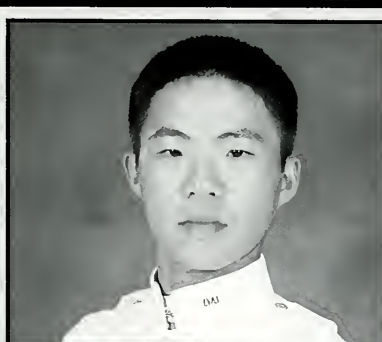
2002: Zach Batte  
2009: Chris Lilly, Ed VanD



**Miguel F. Cervoni**  
Alexandria, VA

*Marine Corps - Physics*

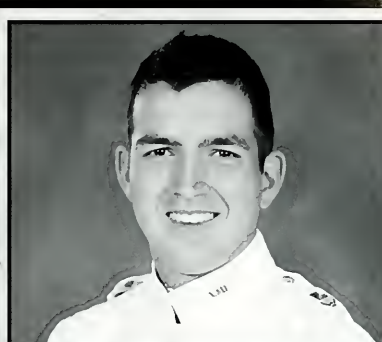
"Spic, Mexican"



**Wei-Ying Chang**  
Washington, DC

*Air Force - Computer Science*

"Crazy Asian"



**Christopher S. Chase**  
Richmond, VA

*Army - Economics*

Anything Involving "Mexican"

First class year has flown by a lot more than I thought and it caught me off guard. It has also been the most fun. Well I'm glad I came to VMI. I met a lot of good people that kept me coming. To my roommates, those that I've known with all four years and those that I haven't, thanks for everything. We might have had some differences but it was fun, as immature as we were at times. To my '06 between Wacker's HINT HINTS and going over our future CO with a howitzer. We had a lot of fun together over the years. Physics '06, we're a bunch of clowns. Knowing that we're getting the same degree as some real smart people is funny. We had to endure some hardcore stuff, like the Topasna's derivation marathons, and the awesome grading.

Chris, you're retarded, but you're a good rat. As much as I made fun of you, I had a lot of fun. Study hard over the next year. Mike, I'll miss the dancing for random parties. Rammy, sorry about cracking on you many times, you were a good sport. You made the year fun and bearable. As stupid as you guys were, you broke the monotony of VMI life. Thanks. Goodbye to the Rats, hope everything turns out well for everyone.

Whatever you do, you need courage  
Whatever courage you decide upon  
There is always someone to tell you, you are wrong  
There are always difficulties arising which attempt you to believe  
Your critics are right  
To map out a course of action and follow it to the end  
Requires some of the same courage which a soldier needs  
Peace has its victories  
But it takes brave men to win them.

For my dyke Lieutenant Liou, all my uncledykes: A.J. Dave and Vadim you are always the best. You encouraged me to overcome all difficulties through the Ratline, your effort is not forgotten. For all my crazy Asian roommates: Jed, Pump, and Jin, our Asian Invasion will never stop. For VMI class 2006+3, "Be a man, do the right thing."

VMI; you are a son of a bitch, but I'd be lying if I said I hated you. Walking away I take with me many great memories. Memories full of hardship and frustration, memories full of pride and joy, and probably a few memories full of exaggeration and crap. Trying to remember myself as a rat, young and impressionable is hard to do. I've grown up a lot since coming here, surprising myself every step of the way. The four years here have been the fastest of my life and will be hard to forget.

To my Co-dykes; thanks for sharing all the 196 madness with me. To my roommates; thanks for putting up with jacked up wall locker and thanks for all the good times. To my dykes; thanks for the rat line. To Charis; thanks for all the encouragement and being an awesome ring figure date. To my family, thanks for the long drives, being great hosts for visiting friends, giving me the kick in the ass when needed, and summer school. Rats, especially the 152 rats, hang in there. The long days make for short years; it'll all be over soon! To the Val-hollah kids; always remember, "WWJHPB3D" and "2-OH!" To everyone else, best wishes and best of luck on all your future endeavors.

and Fitness 2; SPS 3,2,1; Body Building 1; Private 4,3,2,1



2003: Marc Motyleski  
2009: Chris Counts

Rat Guide-on 4; 3rd Classman Guide-on: 3, Asian Club; 3; Guide Sgt: 2; Platoon Lt: 1; Men's Volleyball ACIC: 1



2003: Liou Kai-Chiun  
2009: Wei-Yu Shih

Rat Challenge 3,2,1 Ranger Company 2; MHC 1; Pipe Band 4,3,2,1; Being Awesome 4,3,2,1



2003: Cullen Monk  
2009: Tom Stauffer, Justin Tammelin





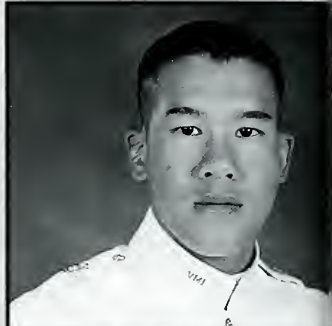
**Michael S. Child, Jr.**  
Stafford, VA

*Army - International Studies/ Arabic*



**Ekkarach Chimpong**  
Thailand

*Army - Mechanical Engineering  
"Pump"*



**Christopher H. Chin**  
Burke, VA

*Air Force - History  
"Chin, Yes Sir, Chino"*

I've probably complained about this place more than anyone, but honestly it really hasn't been that bad. Sure, our class got crapped on many times throughout our cadetship, but it could've been much worse. Focusing on the negative in any situation will make it seem like it's worse than it actually is, and in reality I really feel blessed to have gone through the four years I've spent here.

There's a lot of crap I'd rather not have put up with but I wouldn't trade it for four years anywhere else. The friends I've made here, the pride I feel wearing the some ring as all the great guys in our class, the things I've learned about myself, and the ability I've gained to put up with all the bs greatly outweigh the experiences I could've done without. I hope the rest of you will walk away from this place with as much as I've gained. God bless you guys.

It's such a good experience to be a cadet at VMI. Four years of life at VMI gave me many good things. One of them is the "rat line". It's such a great system to teach all new cadets or rats to be good cadets under good discipline, physical conditioning, and academics. Moreover, the "honor system" is another thing that I have learned from VMI. It makes a cadet an honorable person, honest to himself or herself and also to others.

First, I would like to thank my parents. Mom and Dad, I would not have made it through this place without you both have given up so much just for your children. I hope that I will one day be a parent you have been to me. To Jarr, I would be lost without you; you are my anchor in this crazy world.

To the two men I respect the most, Kyle and Tim; it was an honor serving under you both. The privilege of leading the Troop fell into our hands the day we walked through those hard arches and we met the challenge head on with intensity, forward thinking, and unwavering dedication. You both taught me how to be a better leader and for that I'm forever in your debt. Dave, Cliff, and John thank you for everything, I will always be there for all of you. Darren, my wife, what would I have done without you? Our relentless workouts, JMU parties, the 24 binges during exam time, you've always been there to take it to the next level.

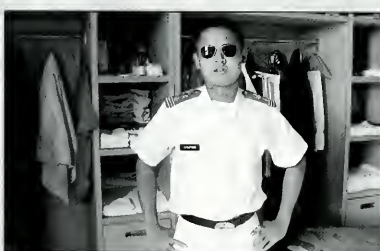
To ALL my RATS never take for granted the time you have here. Take it everyday to the max, don't cheat yourself out of perhaps the greatest experience of your life.

Hey Genya, what's the fall out tomorrow?

#### Club Soccer



**2003: Chat Chantjaroen**  
**2009: Daniel Allen**



**2003: Chris Kim**  
**2009: Justin Cook**

F-Troop 4.3.2.1; Cadre: Clerk, Op.Sgt, XO; Int Club 2.1; Strength and Fitness 1; Ranger Company 3; Club Basketball ACIC 2; RDC 1; Rat Olympics '02-'03 Club





**Benjamin A. Chovanec**  
*Memphis, TN*

*Army - History*

"Ben, Benny, Jockstrap"



**William C. Collier**  
*Centerville, VA*

*Army - History*

"Will, Dubbs"



**Thomas C. Collins**  
*Marietta, GA*

*Army - History*

"Squirt, Puff"

To my family, without your support, love, guidance, and love my transition from here to now would never have taken place. Dad, you continue to show me the best example of what a man should be. Mom, you are my foremost example of someone who has faced adversity and overcome it. Given up, and continue to be my motivation to strive for excellence in the face of hardship.

To the Rats, as my Uncle Dyke once said, "never drink from the well that plagues you." I can think of no better way to describe my sentiment for you, and will leave you with that very short and very real bit of advice. My own advice is that the Institute changes every year and with every class. Understand that the basic ideology remains the same, and those lessons are the most important. Stay true to your own beliefs and ideology, of this place and then remember the 3<sup>rd</sup> classmen fall out of BRC or it's mere window dressing.

To my BRs, you are the people with whom I've shared the same mud and in close proximity with for the last four years. In some cases it has resulted in the contraction of a virus. But, more importantly I am now aware of the true meaning and nature of brotherhood.

VMI came into my life like a hurricane and never quit giving me trouble. I thought that I knew what I was getting myself into but I had no idea. However, I made some great friends over the past four years. I will never forget playing some pong at the old "Lax Frat House". Noelle and Norman we never had problems throwing down. Lee, Mike and Drew we have been through some good times and some not so good, but I'd say all and all we had a pretty good time. Even when things got bad in the winter of second class year, we made it through. Friends are without a doubt the greatest part of VMI and I made some really good ones. WE MADE IT BOYS!

To the '06 Troop we made it and did so as the tightest company this place has seen. Rats: Ian, Matt, John, Kip, Steven.... Keep your eyes on the prize and you will be out of here before you know it. Mom and Dad again thank you!

I sometimes have trouble remembering why I came to this strange place, but after four years it has become my home and I have never been so proud of any decision I have made. I have been changed for the better by my experiences here and the bonds I have formed with my Brother Rats will never be broken. Though I have properly complained about VMI just as much as anyone else, I must confess that I have loved every day I spent here and have some of my best memories from this place.

So, first I want to thank my Brother Rats for all of these wonderful memories and for always being there. Todd, James, and Burgess; thanks for being the best roommates and friends I could ask for. Mom and Dad thank you for your continuing love and support and for the constant sacrifices you have made for me to stay here. Jenny, thank you for loving me and allowing me to share the rest of my life with you and for always being there when I needed it. Matt, remember everything you learned this year and most of all remember to have fun the rest of your time here. Well...this is it, our time here is over.

Varsity Lax 4,3,2,1; F-Troop 4,3,2; Vice President of the Virginia Club 1

Varsity RDC, Powerlifting

PVT 4; Cpl 3; S3 SGT 2; PVT 1; OGA President 1



2003: Dan McNair  
2009: Mario Capuzzo



2003: Tom Sheedy  
2009: Matthew Gift; Ian Williams



2003: Tom Gorski  
2009: Matthew Brown





**Edward T. Cook**  
Charlotte, NC

*Marine Corps - Psychology*  
"Eddie"



**Lee A. Cook III**  
Centreville, MD

*Army - Psychology*



**Dennis J. Crump**  
Oakton, VA

*Navy - Electrical Engineering*

I may not leave this place with a diploma, but the things I will take away with me will last me much longer and carry me much further. I have learned a lot about life and even more about myself since I came to VMI. The good times and the good friends will never be forgotten. Kirk, you are my brother. We have been everywhere and done everything together. From doughnuts in Salisbury to some wild nights in Mooresville, you have always been there. The fun times are just beginning man. Some day we'll have our kids in the living room, chewing them out for doing stuff we used to do.

John, Kyle, Brian, JHAAIIIIIMEEE: y'all have been some awesome roommates. Who would have thought the bunch of us could live in such close quarters and not only get along but have a real good time. There've been broken broomsticks, shattered bottles of aftershave, drunken debauchery, and many other things that I wouldn't trade for anything. I'll see y'all on down the road. Donkey, there'll always be love. You're a good friend. Bama bama bama! Max, Zoky, Vees, BT, Chris A. Fraiz, Parker, Clark de la, Tim, and the other Clark thanks for being there.

*Semper Fi and Carpe Diem*

Now that I look back, time really has flown by while I have been here..Good times at the lexpartypalace playin some serious beerpong with guys...Me and the Eskimo will have always dominated that table! Seeing someone dance to YMCA in their boxer briefs, oh my liitiz. All the trips to UVA with Kerry, and of course meeting the women.."The head butting incident"=Hilarious, which also remains a mystery on what really happened?! All those COLD days out on the lacrosse field, and having to push the snow off the field with sticks just to play a game.."Did you just open hand slap me?! what are you a girl?" The Sunday trips to Cracker Barrel for real food...DREW THE JEW! why do you fight with your girl about the weirdest things? All the crazy things we have done will either haunt me or make me laugh...But thank God I am outta here.

I did not come to VMI because it was easy, but because it is hard. Time spent at VMI was worth the effort and has already changed the course of my life. College has always thought to be the best years of life and thanks to all my Brother Rats it is. Your loyalty and friendship is what makes the four years worth it. Mad Dog Dell

*Big Brother/ Big Sister; Club Lax 2*



2002: [illegible]



2003: Taylor Goodall  
2009: Josh Blechman, Philip Joerdens

*NCAA Rifle Team, IEEE, Tau Beta Pi, Phi Eta Sigma, Eta Kappa Nu*

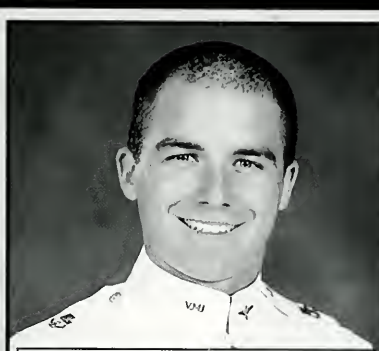


2003: Robert Osypowicz  
2009: Rammy Barbari



**Joseph P. Davidoski**  
Virginia Beach, VA

ine Corps - International Studies



**Michael W. Davis, Jr.**  
New Market, VA

Air Force - Biology



**Kyle M. Deem**  
New Kensington, PA

Air Force - History  
"Deemroller"

This is my time to sum up my lessons learned, great moments, and regrets of the last four years. VMI has proven to be tradition incarnate. While I learned how to survive at VMI, I won't be much of it with me. While there were bad times, I will take the good times and forget the rest among the brick mortar of barracks. I have made some greatest friends of my life but I am not to move on to new adventures. VMI taught me to learn and cherish our past not to become restrained by it.

Brother Rats and fellow cadets, come a long way. We have fought and nail for what we earned here, do not grab on to tightly to our past. I look back on VMI fondly but there are trials, triumphs, failures, setbacks, backs, and reunion tours ahead.

I owe making it through VMI to tant people in my life. Parents, s, friends, BRs, roommates, tutors, ers, and more than I can name made e most amazing experience I have ne privilege to experience. I thank l from the bottom of my heart for g me along in just the right moments.

See you when I see you.

Where has the time gone? What a ride. The highs were high and the lows were low, but I'll be damned if it wasn't a hell of a good time. I never thought that I'd find friends like I have now; everything from co-dykes to rat roommates, the list is long. It would have been a long and lonely ride without my friends and my family supporting me and keeping their foot close to my rear side. Rat year was exciting with my roommates, Ian Camper, Kyle Hamm, Nate Parson, and Burgess Lindsey; wild dykes, co-dykes and our antics. 3<sup>rd</sup> class year flew by with Brian Yannetti, Chris Pétree, and Ian Camper again, plus I met my love, Ashley.

2<sup>nd</sup> class year was interesting living with Scott Buhman and again with Burgess Lindsey, Ian Camper and Brian Yannetti. 1<sup>st</sup> class year won't last much longer and then its over with Scott Buhman, Ian Camper, and Brian Yannetti again. Ring Figure was awesome, the mess hall has been a blast, and the weekends that I know were fun but couldn't remember if I tried. I wish my Rats the same fun and friendship that I have and success in all they do, but to be happy with who they are and where they are going. All I can say about friends is "423 for life!" and about VMI, well... 'There ain't no party like the VMI party 'cause the VMI party don't stop!"

Good ole Deem, what can we say, well it really doesn't matter because you are probably drunk right now. But your mother will read this so we will keep it clean. Going into third class year we really weren't sure what to expect, but it turns out we couldn't have asked for a better friend and roommate. From straining with you in company room to our unending tab uptown, it's been a wild ride. You brought us the thrills of victory with your flawless performances with VMI Hockey. Your endless movie quotes have kept our spirits up for three years. During your time here, you have become an important member of the company, and the corps. Rat challenge cadre, a model dyke, and most importantly, the man in charge of the remote in the big TV room. You will make a fine Air Force officer and we can expect to look up and see you in the air.... Just make sure there are no spiders in the cockpit. 339, 239, C-28.... Holla

Mom and Dad, none of this was possible without you. Rich, you've been a great rat, keep up the hard work and keep in touch. Canning, Kanila, Schwere, I'm going to miss our in-barracks Steelers tailgating parties, take care boys. Roommates, you know how it was, God Bless.

er Fi 1,2,3,4; Endurance 1,2; English y 2,3



2003: Rollin Steele  
2009: Douglas France, Ian Costello

6" Cpl; Ex. Chair. Of Fundraising 3, STP Counselor; Mess Hall 2; Strength and Fitness 2; OGA 1; Racquetball Club 1; Summer Orientation 1



2003: Bill Talley  
2009: Mervin Barrow, Austin Petty

Ice Hockey, Rat Challenge Cadre



2003: Trey Guy  
2009: Richard Johnson





**Andrew P. Dernovsek**  
Pueblo, CO

*Marine Corps - International Studies*



**John C. Diehl IV**  
Charlottesville, VA

*Army - Intl. Studies/Spanish*



**Frank A. Dolberry I**  
Virginia Beach, VA

*Army - History*

"Frank the Tank, Franklin Weatherford I, XV, Soulberry, Frankie Dubs, Dinglek

VMI has really been a great adventure. Thank you to my family for all of the support. All I can say is thanks to my roommates, friends, and the Company for all the great memories. I'll miss all of you guys, but thank God we'll be out of here. If you want to come and visit my country in 10 years feel free.

"I still can't believe you're graduating early," I keep hearing. "your leaving us man, we're gonna miss you!" Yes, as I move on, I realize how ready I am to get out of this place. VMI has undermined my social skills, made me dependent on coffee, isolated me from music, made me comfortable around naked dudes, and wound me tighter than Mitch Fridley. Through it all, I've managed to live in possibly the most diverse room in barracks. We have a Chinese dude, a half-Bolivian, a half-Japanese kid (with a lisp), and two white boys—one of which was replaced by a black guy when the other was studying abroad. As much as I can complain about my time here, I can't say we haven't had some good sober times.

Thanks Mom and Dad for making it possible. Echo Company made me the 1st Class Private I am at heart, even though I somehow ended up a ranker my last year. Andy Upshaw, you are sooo dark it's not even funny. To my closest BR's, thanks for all the good times. I know it wasn't apparent that we were having fun until just recently. To Rich and Josh's room, you guys kept me sane. Castillo, we've got some traveling to do. Rats, keep your noses clean and keep in touch.

Farewell to Arms-

Looking back on this chapter in life, I can only say that every decision made would not be taken back to this day. I can truly see how I have changed greatly since Rat year. I see and feel change.

I want to thank the Lord Almighty for blessing me with the angel that I call "Mama". She has been the main one beating the sense back into me ever I thought I knew everything. I want to thank all my roommates from 422-341-211-1. Each and every one of you has taught something that I will never forget. Special Thanks to the "Honor Court guys", we made a tough year but we made it.

To my Rat: Justin, I know I may not have been around as much as needed. Just know that I've watched you grow into a strong individual. You will do great. I believe in it.

I remember looking through a yearbook and never forgetting what the first classman said: "You may not find the meaning of life after four years of VMI, but your journey will begin" No one has ever been so right. Through all the trials and tribulations that this place threw at me, I have not a single doubt in my mind that my life is just starting. I'm going to finish with a goal that a BR has always reminded me: "Just graduate and get out of here and never look back".....I plan on doing that.

Fencing Team

Strength and Fitness 2; Rat Challenge 3, 2



2009: Andy Manos



2003: Andy Manos  
2009: Emilio Iglesias

Club Basketball 3,2 (CIC); 1; Young Demos Promaji 3,2,1; MNMB SGM 2; Ranger Challenge 1st Cpt 3; MSG 2; CO 1; Honor Court 2 (AP)



2003: Andrew Marsh  
2009: Justin Wizeorek



**Scott B. Donald**  
*Lexington, VA*

*Army - Chemistry*



**James M. Donovan**  
*Westfield, NJ*

*Army - Biology*



**Nicholas D. Dowdle**  
*Morgan Hill, CA*

*Marine Corps - History  
"Nickerous"*

To Delta '06, I can't think of any other way I could have wanted to be in. They may say that we take the whole spirit thing to an extreme, but I don't. Any of us really care what others think. To the rats, remember everything our dykes have taught you and stay away from the enemy. To the roommates, I imagine what VMI would have been without you. To Christian, have fun on submarine. To Joey, "Don't make me prove you wrong," have fun with law school. To Sean, I'll see you at home comes next year.

"Hell is relative to those serving its. To anybody but us, it's brimstone and sulfur. But to those who live here, it's the four walls of barracks are our protection from the weakness and piety of the civilian world. There is no strength, nor, no devotion to duty beyond. Attention to detail is only drilled here because it is so lacking elsewhere. ... There is nothing wrong in failing; but we rarely ever fail, when we do, it just makes us that much better. We burn, and we bleed. We carry our standard so few will ever see. And we are glad. We are cadets of VMI."  
Vade

Every year that went by seemed like an eternity. Now that I look back, these last four years flew by. Jared, Mike, Matt, and the new roomie, Kyle, we're finally done! People always asked me, "What do you like best about your school?" Any normal college kid would say, "The parties, the ladies, etc." We never had those luxuries, but my answer to that question is always the same. The best part about this school is the people and friends that you meet. The hardest part of VMI is transitioning to the lifestyle and without my best friends back home (Karen and Nancy), my family's support (Mom, Dad, Colleen and Byron) and my Brother Rats, I would probably have transferred to another school.

As we leave and "breakout" of barracks we will carry the memories of VMI within our hearts and minds. It was the best of times, oh, and we did have the worst of times. I shall always remember my experiences from VMI and learn from them. I shall never forget my true friends that I have made and hopefully we keep our class tight as we enter into the ranks of the VMI alumni and take on the world as the CLASS OF 2006.

If I could describe Nick Dowdle in as few words as possible it would be humble servant. Never have I met anyone who would drop anything he was doing to aid a friend in need, particularly if it involved putting off academics. Whether it was helping to raise money for the class, or just helping a BR that had a little too much to drink. Just about everyone who has met Nick has benefited somehow from knowing him.

Aside from helping people, Nick also happens to know just about everyone in the Corps. Not only that, but just about everyone seems to know him as well. One can not accomplish this unless they happen to be an exceptional person.

A day with Nick will have its ups and downs; however the ups more than outweigh the downs. He might freak you out with his strange ability to clap with one hand or simply crack you up in a conversation that only he could initiate.

In the future, people may ask me about the legendary brotherhood, friendship and loyalty at VMI between Brother Rats. When I describe it, I know I'll think of the friendship I have with Nick Dowdle.

-Tim Fairchild

MSGT 2; ACS 4,3,2,1; Ac. Stars 3,2,1

Ice Hockey 4; Lacrosse 1

Ring Figure Committee, Class Assistant Treasurer



2003: David Woody  
2009: Myles Wasson



2003: Andrew Onello  
2009: Ryan Spahr



2003: Alex Rizzato  
2009: Greg Hersli, Nick Matson





**Shawn L. Driver**  
Springfield, VA

*Air Force - English*



**Clark T. Dudley**  
Fairfax, VA

*Air Force - International Studies*  
"Dud, Studley, Dude"



**Richard W. Durkee II**  
Harwood, MD

*Navy - Economics*

The path that has led me here has been an arduous one. Its high points transcended me higher than few will encounter and were accompanied by lows that no one should have to endure. At times, VMI defined me as a person. At other times, VMI defined the person I didn't want to be, sometimes the person I would never be. Walking on the fourth stoop this year brings back memories of a time in my life that was new, difficult, rewarding, where friends were many and close knit, and where the possibilities were endless. The second stoop reminds me of a time of new beginnings, where a class was brought together and where a sense of self-pride was once again restored.

My only regret is not being able to walk on the third stoop and recall times similar to those I've had elsewhere, each one with its own character and its own meaning. But, as I sit here on this, the final stoop, I look back, and through all that has come and gone, I also see this stoop as being important. I can see what I've done wrong, what I've done right, and use those lessons to guide my decisions in the future. From here, I can see where I have come from and most importantly, which direction to head.

I lost a gentleman's bet, and from that time I have been a VMI Cadet. Since then four years of celibacy will really make a college student reflect on their experience. This combined with more than a year on restrictions and intermittent periods of brain farts that caused me to march more than my share of PT's, my four year sentence as a private has been earned. This has happened for a reason, and the sacrifices I have made will add to my karma in my journey in life. I admit I smile every day, I have some of the grossest and funniest stories you will ever hear, I will never regret the life lessons I have learned and the brothers I have met and experienced so much with.

To my roommates, I love you and if I ever have a daughter I will never talk to you again. Oh, and where the hell is our porn that was stolen our 3<sup>rd</sup> class year? Ring Figure came and went, and that all day sesh was the best day in Lex Vegas. To the boys who live above ground, you're awesome, and I will never forget our morning coffee. To the sinks and Bud, I will miss the rowdiness and nights on the back porch.

Rah VA Mil.

There's a delightful image in P which explains why a sensible person i to steer clear of politics. He sees every else rushing into the street and getting soaked in the pouring rain. He can't persuade them to go indoors and keep He knows if he went out too, he'd mer get equally wet. So he just stays indoc himself, and, as he can't do anything about other people's stupidity, comfort himself with the thought: 'Well, I'm all r anyway.'

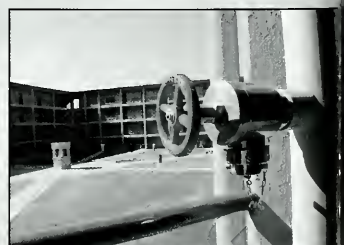
-Sir Thomas More

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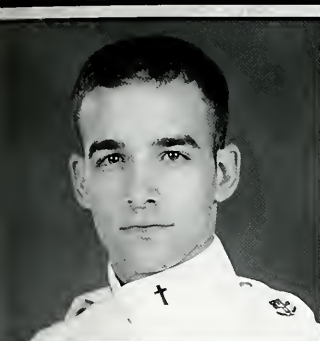
Rat Challenge 4,3,2,1; VMI Boxing 2,1; A1



2003: Jacob Agnew  
2009: Jason Lovett, Douglas Tarasek

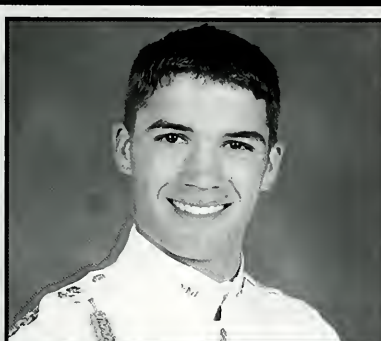


2003: Jared Swanson  
2009: Joe Purello



**Christopher L. Eaton**  
River Forest, IL

Army - Mechanical Engineering  
"Enigma"



**Clint T. Edwards**  
Lewiston, CA

Army - International Studies  
"Clintoris, C-Squared"



**Dane C. Elles**  
Crosby, TX

Marine Corps - Mechanical Engineering  
"D, D\$, Tex, Danelles"

To my Brother Rats: It's hard to think that these past four years have passed so quickly. It has been quite an experience, one which I will never forget. I will forever remember those of you who have been there for me in one way or another to either help me with my academics or take me to my room as I was stumbling through barracks. And I must say that I owe you one. I will always be open to all of you.

And to the men of the Chicago Bulls: It's been great getting to know you and to see you stay in touch. Go Cubs, Da Bulls....and always remember we are on the right side of the Mason-Dixon

Received: Class of 2006

2006 - Matriculation, Breakout, Ring Figure, Commissioning, GRADUATION!! Yea, we complain a lot about what goes on around here, but VMI is great, right? I do know one thing though: we have made it through the toughest school in the country. We may not be the most socially gifted graduates (at least I'm not), we may drink a little too much (yea right), and we may get into too many fights (if that is possible), but we are tight!

Derek - You led me here! I love you man!  
Tom, John - I love you guys - You have been there for everything and that means more to me than any school, teacher, or best friend could ever do for me. You guys are my brothers!

Genyanovichnicnovichnic - through thick and thin, you will go a long ways buddy. You are truly a best friend and if you ever need anything, let me know.

Tim, Dan, El Scott, Wilson - Hey you guys are my other roommates. The impact you have had has been enormous - I respect all of you!

Dane, Nick, Bart, BigJerm - I will always be there for you (if you ever need Angry Clint, he will be there too!)

Nick- Good luck bro. Keep in mind that VMI is a game to be played. With that in mind, I know that you will be successful.

Class of 2006 - Good luck in all of your endeavors. To the best class in barracks!

Class of 2006+3 - STRAIN! Only 3 more years!

What an experience. I came to VMI with two goals, get a college degree and prepare for a career in the military. I can definitely say that I have accomplished those goals and many others along the way. I knew what I was getting into before I came and I embraced it fully knowing this was what I wanted. For a while it seemed as if I wouldn't succeed and that it was too hard. I guess what I thought were cheesy lines by General Stonewall Jackson about resolve and taking counsel of your fears were actually true.

VMI was a different place, a place where the days seemed never ending but the weeks flew by. And now, I'm already graduating. Not every experience was a good one, but looking back every experience was worthwhile. I can truly say that VMI has been the best learning experience. I would like to thank all the wonderful friends I have made, my teammates, the not so good friends I have made, and my class as a whole. You guys are what made VMI a worthwhile place. Lastly, I'd like to thank my family for always being so supportive and backing me no matter what. Thank you.

am, Cadet Counseling Service, Chicago  
r, Habitat for Humanity, RATS swim team, Officers  
in Fellowship, Outdoor Adventure Club, Young Life



2003: Pierre Nganku  
2009: John Brister, Ian Kakumu



2003: Derek Brown  
2009: Nick Biggett



2003: Matt McQueen  
2009: Josh Gerardo

Swimming: Trident Society 4.3.1; SEAL  
Challenge Club 1





**Seth E. Enterline**  
Warrenton, VA

*Army - Biology*



**Jonathan F. Everiss**  
Greenville, VA

*Army - International Studies*



**Nathaniel S. Ewoldt**  
King George, VA

*Marine Corps - International Studies*  
"Concave"

All was well for Seth: he had just survived three quality years at the I, and was ready for a quiet finale, that is until he moved into THE SINKS. However, Seth was up for the task and proved that he could break things with the best of them. Seth arrived at VMI like most of us, lost. Chuck Co. was good to Seth, and he was good to it. 2<sup>nd</sup> Class year Seth was defiantly the best damn Operations Sergeant that VMI has ever witnessed, and he was always ready for "The Family" to come march with him in parades, even if the rest of Chuck Co. hated it. Seth was a monster on the basketball courts, be it Friday night Cocke Hall ball, or on the Club Team, you never wanted to cross Seth's path when he was bringing it down the lane.

The official driver of "The Drive," Seth never turned down a good time, whether it be destroying electronic equipment or carousing about town. It was a privilege to have Seth with us when we did whatever we did. We had our good times with Seth especially the night we all took a trip to JMU and he introduced us to his friends 500 times. We appreciate all that you have done for us Seth. Including letting the Sinks use your computer. In closing, Seth you defied the odds...You did what very few people can...You maintained rank, and the respect of ranking officials while still remaining A Pirate. Thanks for everything bud, and good luck.

It has been the strangest experience of my life. But before I continue, there are some people that need to be thanked. To my family - my gratitude for what you have done for me can never be fully expressed and I will spend the rest of my life trying to do so. To my Dyke, Aric Gerke '03 - what you taught me about this place will never be forgotten and is most definitely one of a few reasons that I made it through. To Damian - thanks for believing bro. Just how strange of an experience... cadets are posed with the question, "for a million dollars, would you do it over?" And the response is pretty much universal, "if I didn't know how great of friends I would make and how much I would learn about myself, then no." Seems like a strange response; a group of people, just as crazy as me, could keep me here and make it all worthwhile, but it's so true. The guys of Room 124, Chucky, Jason, and Sean, are some of my closest friends. I have shared almost every experience that has happened to me in the last 4 years with them. And just like the boys of Room 124, I know I will always be able to call on a Brother Rat of 2006.

As our time here at the Institute draws to an end, I begin to reflect on what has been our time here. It is true that no one really likes VMI; misery, depression, monotony surround our lives. But for one reason or other those of us that remain chosen to stay and that is what makes time here more bearable. It is the people, our right and to our left that help us make through the daily struggles.

Ernest Hemmingway wrote, "If you are lucky enough to have lived in Paris as a young man, then wherever you go for the rest of your life, it stays with you, for Paris is a moveable feast." While VMI is a long way from Paris, the same principles underlie the idea. Paris made such an impression on Hemmingway that no matter where he was, Paris, Spain, or Italy Paris was always with him. Likewise the sense of brotherhood that has been ingrained in us since we matriculated will not dissipate when we graduate. VMI was not an enjoyable experience, but it is something that we all carry with us. While I do not agree with many of the things at VMI, thank you to my Brother Rats- I could not have made it without your support.

Bomb Staff 2,1; Club Basketball 3,2,1; Rugby 4,3,2; Big Red Club 4,3,2,1; Sinks 1



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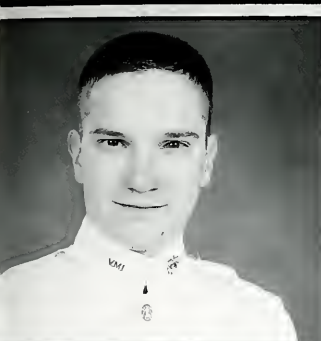


2003: Aric Gerke  
2009: Michael Huffman

F-Troop 4,3,2,1; Club Lacrosse 1; Timmor Gentry Music society 4,3,2,1; English Soc



2003: Charles Cowherd  
2009: Mike Robertson



**Timothy A. Fairchild**  
Herndon, VA

*Marine Corps - Civil Engineering*  
"Muscles, Fairchizzle"



**Blake Faller**  
Holbrook, NY

*Army - Psychology*



**Clifton W. Ferguson**  
Bassett, VA

*Air Force - Economics*

Even though Tim was not able to march in the "march in" when we graduated because he was finishing the Corps Boot Camp, it does not mean that he is not one of our BR's. In fact, he has earned his keep as a member of the Class of 2006 and one of our BR's for many times over. Even though he is a first lieutenant and not a member of any units, everyone still knows his name and holds him in high regard.

As one of his roommates for a few years I got to know him very well; I can honestly say that it is hard to find someone like Tim in today's world. His sense of humor can make anyone laugh no matter what type of mood they are in. He is held in such high regard among his friends that if it wasn't for the fact that he is a Reservist he would be a member of our Court and that alone speaks highly of his character. Tim and the other Reservists in his class will not be able to graduate with honors because they fulfilled their obligations to their country and served overseas and we will be eternally grateful to them. It has been one of my proudest moments to be associated with him and to have lived with Tim in the barracks.

-Nick Dowdle

When I came to VMI people yelled at me.

GO FIELD ARTILLERY & I HEART THE ARMY

Our revels now are ended. These our actors,  
As I foretold you, were all spirits, and  
Are melted into air, into thin air:  
And, like the baseless fabric of this vision,  
The cloud-capp'd towers,  
The gorgeous palaces,  
The solemn temples, the great globe itself,  
Yea, all which it inherit, shall dissolve,  
And, like this insubstantial pageant faded,  
Leave not a rack behind. We are such stuff  
As dreams are made on; and our little life  
Is rounded with a sleep.

The Tempest. Act IV, Sc. 1

challenge



2003: James Ferrebee

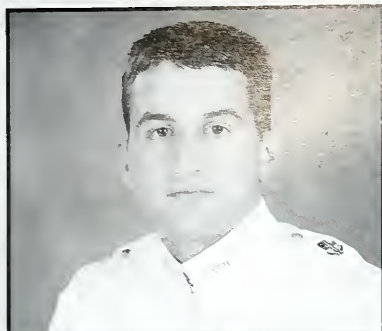


2003: Jason Lambert  
2009: David Staab, Graham Stoffe



2003: Ronald Ingram





**Michael J. Floyd**  
Centreville, VA

*Air Force - Psychology*



**Christopher L. Foltz**  
O'Fallon, IL

*Air Force - International Studies*  
"Foltzie, Goose"



**Michael W. Forster**  
Front Royal, VA

*Army - International Studies*

Couple years of confinement/con pro with a few hundred pt's.....no sweat. VMI wasn't all that bad but it's still good to finally be done. Roommates of 141 I love you all. We have had some damn good times you guys are probably the only thing I'm going to miss. Kyle.....punk b!tch! Matt, put your money on the table. James, at least I have a higher gpa. Jared, what's up fry guy. Thanks for everything guys I wouldn't have been able to stay sane without you. 06 congrats and good luck....ill cya around.

As I sit here watching the train that is The Bomb hurdle at me (and looking at the horrible picture that is my first class candid), all I can think about is how my cadetship will actually end in May. I do know that I am 'lucky' enough to have essentially this entire Bomb to express my opinions if you look at it in that regard. So, to borrow a page from Stephen King, since only a few will actually read this, my testimonial will simply pay my dues and thank those of y'all that have helped me make it through this place:

My parents, Lindsay, and all of the rest of my family that helped me along when I needed them most; Andrew and Chris for taking me in and putting up with me for three years; S.E.B. '83 for being the ac advisor that a naïve, wide-eyed rat needed; SGT Wineman, the legend himself, for being the professor that everyone should be lucky enough to have; my host family for always looking out for me; Col. Brodie for being the crazy man that he is; all my dykes and co-dykes that never let me forget that I was the one Band rat in Room 122; Phil, Nick, Frederick, Leenhouts, and Laurens for taking your dykes' mood swings in stride; and all of the BOMB staff for helping get this [master]piece completed.

Now I just sit here waiting for the time to come where I will be able to smile and completely believe that going through this place was worth it...

To Brian and Chris, even though I can't get your names right after almost 3 years, you've been decent roommates every once and a while. I gave you guys the privilege to get to know one of the greatest guys - me - and that's the gift I leave with you.

Seriously, I really am appreciate of your putting up with me over the years, helping me out when I needed it, being honest and loyal guys and better friends than I deserved. To my rats, Tauseef, Ted, and Neils, you've been great rats, doing your jobs well, and even in the past few weeks, you all have come a very long way since you first came here. I'm proud of all of you.

I'd like to say something about how great this place is and that I will miss it, but we have that whole honor code thing and they tell us we're not supposed to. However, I will miss being with the great guys I've ever met that make up the Class of 2006 at VMI. Like we hear everyday, the only good things about VMI are the guys that go through it. And frankly, my Brother Rats are what made this place bearable. Class of 2006, the best class in barracks.



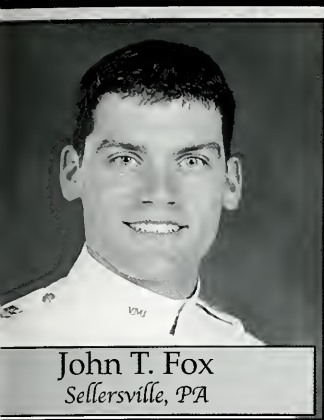
2003: Andy Biesterveld  
2009: Phil Pohilman, Nick Roncolato



2003: Will Ragland  
2009: Tauseef Sheikh

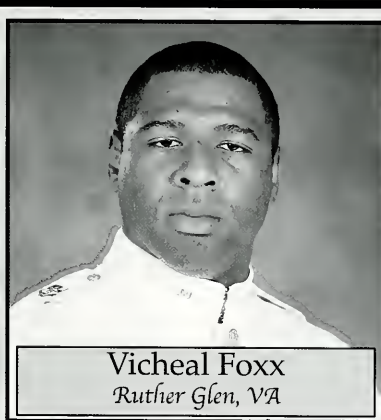
Band 4,3,2,1; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Cadet Mentor 2; Worship Band 4,3; College Rep. 2; Racquetball Club 1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Ac Stars 3,2,1; Bomb Editor 1

Strength and Fitness 2; Powerlifting 1



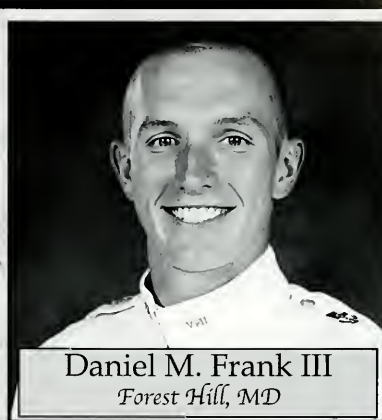
**John T. Fox**  
Sellersville, PA

*Force - Mechanical Engineering*



**Vicheal Foxx**  
Ruther Glen, VA

*Air Force - Psychology*



**Daniel M. Frank III**  
Forest Hill, MD

*Marine Corps - International Studies*  
"Francis"

First, I must thank my family for all support. Mom and Dad, I could not made it through without your support guidance, thanks and I love you guys. and Pete thanks for all the brotherly love at home and for making time to visit here.

The guys on the Court - keep the

All the Men commissioning, thank you for your selfless service and God Speed.

For anyone else who happens to be here: Be thankful for each day, for it is a gift from God. Even the worst days, the most experienced at VMI or later in life, are a gift. Consider your gift carefully; any gift when you are able to give back to the world - do it, when you can spend time thanking the Creator for your gift - do it, honestly, never squander or resent your gift. Ultimately we all must face our Creator and answer how we have used the gift he has given us...

After graduating as officers we were ready to shed our blood in defence of our regimental honour, and as for true honour, hardly any one of us knew what that was, and even if anyone had discovered what it was he himself would have been the first to ridicule it. Drunkenness, rowdiness, and bravado were almost something to be proud of. I can't say that we were wicked; all those young people were good, but they behaved badly, and I was the worst of all.

-Fyodor Dostoevsky

Mom and Papa Franks, thank you for the toughest education in the country. Without your sacrifices, I would have never had the opportunity to finish VMI. I couldn't have done it without you. I love you both.

Jacky, you're the only person at VMI who really knows me. Whatever may happen, I will love you forever. Steel, "...you stay up all night and sleep all day." Don't worry about the pirate, and never forget "don't let them win." Jason, umm, yeah, aliens and dinosaurs? "Can someone tell me why it is 70 degrees outside and snowing?" I come here with one brother but am leaving with two more. I love you guys.

Josh and the other Rats, I'm proud of you. Thanks for allowing me to be your Dyke. You came to VMI as boys and are growing into men. It has been an honor and a pleasure. Just do it better than I did.

Foxy6, thanks for the late night company and motivation.

VMI lacrosse, it has been a pleasure. Only settle for the best. You're my brothers. Keep it sleazy!

SGT Wineman, thanks for the motivation and the following quote. If I become most like any one of my instructors, I hope most to be like you. "Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph."

-Thomas Paine  
God Bless those who serve.

Court 2,1; Football 4,3,2,1



2003: Brian Desautels  
2009: Rhys Keller, Douglas Trask



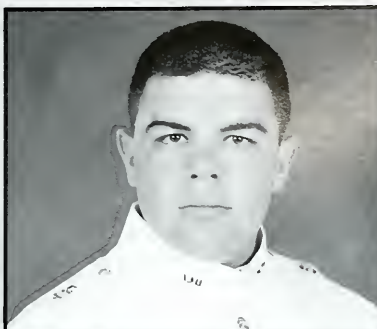
2002: Randy Sheets



2003: Brian Ward  
2009: Josh Blechman

Lacrosse 1,2,3,4; Big Brother/Big Sister 4;  
International Club 4





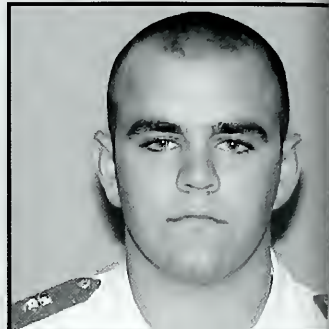
**Jason M. Fraser**  
Centreville, VA

*Air Force - Mathematics*



**Robert M. Frazier**  
Harrisonburg, VA

*Marine Corps - History*



**Joshua E. Freeman**  
Alexandria, VA

*Marine Corps - Civil Engineer*

"J Frizzle, Pain Train"

It's been an adventure, that's for sure. To my roommates: Chris, I couldn't have asked for a better addition to the room for our first class year. You and I started here together and it only seemed right to finish it with you. Brenton, you are a good person without a doubt. Now we just need to work on that temper of yours. Tim, there aren't words to describe how much I am thankful for having met you. From rat year all the way through VMI I always knew that you would be by my side no matter what. I can't thank you enough for the time we've spent together these 4 years. To my Delta BR's, I wish you all the best, especially Doug and Sean. I couldn't have made it through my rat year without you two. I'm forever in your debt. To Jed and Jarrett, I couldn't have asked for two better rats. Always remember to do what's right and teach your rats to do the same. It's been an honor to be your dyke and I can't wait to share in your accomplishments as you progress through VMI and the rest of your lives.

To the class of 2006, be safe and the rest will fall into place because there's no better group of people than those of the Class of 2006.

"A lesson lived is a lesson learned."

When looking back on my experience here at VMI, I am clearly aware of three very important lessons I have learned.

First, you can't make it without the support of your family and friends. My family has been with me every step of the way, from Matriculation, to Ring Figure, to (hopefully) Graduation. I can not thank them enough. I love you guys so much! You are the best. For the friends I have made, you know who you are. Without you guys, I would not be the man I am today. Honor is the foundation of this Institute, but more often than not, the honor that is displayed at the Mother "I" is lacking in loyalty. I have been blessed with a close circle of the most loyal men I have ever known. Without loyalty, there is no "honor".

Second, leadership is a privilege, not a right. Those who are in charge of this place—MAN UP! You have been given a position that has the possibility to positively influence some of the brightest minds in America. From what I have seen and experienced, your duty or obligation to the Corps has been absent. You have corrupted the system, more importantly, the minds and talents of the future of America.

Lastly, to those who still have more to accomplish here, heed this warning: VMI is not the real world, nor the military. Open your eyes, make the right decisions, and most importantly, live every day as if it were your last.

To Dave "Jim" Roberts: without you, I don't think I could have made it this far. I am honored and privileged to call you my friend. Thank you so much for everything you have given me.

Semper Par

Thank god its over! Who new years would fly by so fast? It has been great time, and I am thankful for every that I experienced. Even that GC # 1 all my Brother Rats, I wish you the best luck. You all possess the ability of becoming the best at your profession, whether it be a civilian job, or a military career. I would like to give a special thanks to all of the CE playboys. There have been many nights where we all struggled on math problem sets, or homework that we just waited on until the last minute. I would never have made it without you guys. My friends in the old barracks concocted you guys have always been great neighbors and I will miss you all. And so, but not least, my roommates, John, Nate, and Ryan. You have all been great roommates and made life all the better at VMI. I got your backs for life, and I will all the best.

Dub, Butters, Peter North, Stanconia, Nooner, and Rat Gallagher. I hope I was able to offer you the right guidance to begin your VMI experience. Never let anybody push you around, and keep your nose clean. You have the potential to do whatever you want to. Never lose sight of your goals. I will always be there to offer you guidance if you need it. You guys have been great rats. Good Luck.

Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Lieutenant 1;  
Racquetball Club 1



2009: J.

Miller



2003: Andrew Marsh



2003: Richard Reid  
2009: Wayne Cunningham



**Kyle A. Fricke**  
Richmond, VA

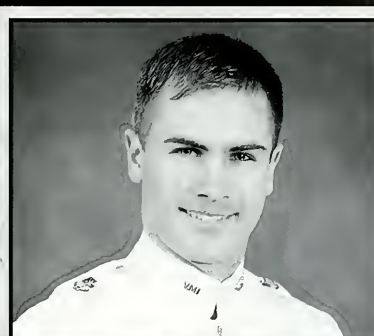
*Army - Chemistry*

"Bisquick, Squeek, Biff"



**Jessica L. Fulton**  
Wilmington, NC

*Air Force - Biology*



**Joshua C. Garrett**  
Chapin, SC

*Marine Corps - Psychology*

As I have progressed through my college has become apparent that the most important edge I have gained has come from the wisdom of individuals I have had the pleasure of interacting with while attending VMI. I have been fortunate enough to have college formative years working with people whose insights and inspiration have made a lasting impact on me.

I learned teamwork. I learned that a small group of individuals, committed to each other and to achieving a goal, can do the seemingly impossible. I learned determination. I learned that complex problems are not solved by a stroke of genius, but through relentless determination and a willingness to succeed.

I learned about the impact of a positive attitude. I learned that your attitude towards situations determines your degree of success in finding solutions.

I learned leadership. I learned that leadership is not about position and more to do with vision and how you communicate this vision with passion so that people want to follow.

Finally, I learned not to measure myself by what others think I am capable of, but to push myself to the limit of what I possibly can.

Thank you VMI. My words could never express the gratitude for the effect you have had on my life. To Greg, Nick, and Phil... Thank you for being great roommates. You are incredible individuals and friends.

To Bill Pearl... My life, as well, would have been different if we had never met. You are a capable friend and a true partner in crime.

To my dyke... Thank you for teaching me how to be a rat at VMI; I hope that I have made you proud. I couldn't have asked for a better rat. Thank you for your hard-work, discipline and friendship.

To Momma and Pop... Thank you for believing in me as great leaders, parents, role models, and importantly, great friends. I love you very much. Die Trying. I love peanuts.

Here's to all you first class privates unrepentantly trying to get away with everything you think you can and keeping some personality at the I ... fight the system at every bend.

Here's to all you rankers who spend too much time (any time) starching your shirts to perfection (maybe your underwear too?) and shining the most minugia piece of brass...

Here's to all of you on guard... in the hot, in the cold, in the rain, in the snow... when you have a million other things to do...

Here's to all of the athlete's... keep truck' in

Here's to all of us non permit types- somebody's got to march parade

Here's to the rat daddy... and the flamer... the ying and yang that keeps this school in balance...

Here's to you, Penalty Tour extraordinaires... We are seldom sorry for what we have done... just sorry we got caught

Here's to the HC, the GC, the RDC, the CEA, the OGA ... hold down the fort  
Here's to you, third class stoop monkey... the ratline just wouldn't be the same without your efforts... and neither would your GPA

Here's to all the rats... burn things... run around... strain... be motivated... and respect your dykes

Here's to the first classmen... We've made it!!!!

VMI - keep doing what you do ... and we will always be proud of you!

So, what now? The end is here and everyone is going their separate ways. I'm staying right here. Don't worry ya'll, I'm taking up the rear. It won't be long, though, and I'll be right there with you fighting my way up the corporate ladder wondering if I'm ever going to be considered successful.

I'll never forget the time we had and how we became who we are. I have too many friends to name and that accounts for something. I know that no matter where I am or what I'm doing, if I ever need a helping hand, I can call on a Brother Rat. We all can account for the fun times we had, or account for them the best we can. Well Joe, I guess all those long nights are finally fixing to pay off. I wish you well in your future endeavors and if you ever need anything my door is always open.

I guess I should say something about the Institute that we're all supposed to love. Without the Institute I would have never met the people I did and with you my class, I wouldn't be the same. After being deployed and coming back I was able to experience what alumni feel. Some people hate this place and I can't say that I like it much either, but it is a necessary evil and I'm thankful to have experienced and will one day conquer. Until that day, gentlemen, God Bless and God speed.

Simper Fidelis

Men's Soccer 4.3.2.1; Endurance Club 1; Club Football 1; Dean's List 4.2.1; ACS 4.3.2, (President) 1; RDC 1; Council 2.1; 6th Cpl. 3; Reg S-6 Sgt. 2; Reg S-6 CPT 1

Life Guard, Bio-medical research, Theater, Academic advisor, Bible study



2003: Brandon Matthews  
2009: Thomas Gottwald



2003: Martin Wasielewski  
2009: Carrie Lauderdale, Dominique Baker



2003: Clint Alanis





**John R. Garvey**  
Wichita, KS

*Marine Corps - International Studies*  
"Caveman, Grave"



**Christopher J. Gathmann**  
Potomac Falls, VA

*Air Force - Mechanical Engineering*  
"Gasman, Gathmania, G-unit,  
A.D.D. Kid"



**Christopher B. Gillila**  
Naples, FL

*Air Force - History*

Class of 2006: It's gonna be weird living without you foul-smelling booze hounds. I'll miss all the good times. Mom and Dad: Although you wouldn't always guess it by how I act, I'm more grateful to you than I can express. You've been much better to me than I deserve, but luckily for me you have deluded yourselves into thinking otherwise or something.

To my little brothers: don't go here. Rats of room 120: we were fortunate to have you as rats. Don't let the sound of your own wheels drive you crazy. My roommates: Best wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Wright: how fortunate I was to have you as my host family. Thanks for everything. To the admin (with a couple exceptions): A lifetime of personal failings could hardly provide me so many lessons on how not to be a leader. Thank you.

Finally, I'd like to thank myself. Have a drink on me. "Okay, you talked me into it..."

To my parents, thanks for always standing behind me even when my grades were less than perfect. Thanks for coming to visit between breaks and driving down to pick me up. Thanks for the computer that kept me occupied when I probably should have been doing other things. Thanks for the cards and care packages, and the car which carried me to and from many weekends. Most of all, thanks for believing in me.

To my dykes, thanks for teaching me the rules of the Institute, and when to break them. Thanks for introducing me to alcohol, and a short run with nicotine. Thanks for illegal workouts in the back of the room, and trips to re-introduce me to alcohol. Most of all, thanks for making me the cadet I was.

To my roommates, co-dykes, and brother rats, thanks for sweating and suffering and bleeding with me. Thanks for drinking, fighting, and making our presence felt at colleges up and down I-81. Thanks for the ring, and the memories I share with all of you. Thanks for the stories I will tell the rest of my life. Thanks for helping to make those four years pass quickly. Most of all, thanks for making me the man I am today.

To my rats, work hard, stand tall, it will be over sooner than you can imagine.

I met Chris the first day of SI. We've pretty much been together since. Along with AWALT, and the rest of the in The Sinks. A lot of the guys in the might just see Chris as a guy that gets along with everybody, and is an extremely talented football player. But he's a lot more than that... Chris is ready to "decide" a random guy at JMU if he's disrespecting one of his buddies. Chris is always up for an "all day sesh." Chris never turns a "ride" to "the beach." Chris has also been known to enjoy a classy cocktail known as "Boone's farm."

I'll tell you one thing, 30 years from now we won't remember what the Super Bowl was, or even if we played in it... But we will remember that beautiful evening. Chris and Levenson never really saw eye to eye on the issue of his bright red car, but for some reason it always seemed to be in Levenson's ready to take a quality trip to VB or Roanoke (yes, all four years LTC Levenson). These are just a few of the many ridiculous memories that we have all shared with Chris (as Coach Cal calls him). I think one thing we will always remember is that Chris was the times we shared... At least those we can remember.



2009

Rat Challenge, Pipe Band, Jazz Band, Permit Lieutenant

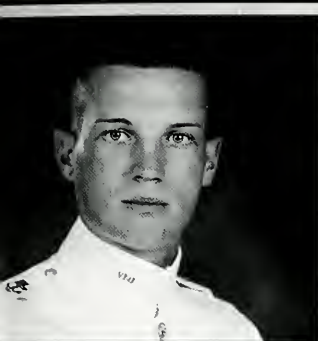


2003: Jared Swanson  
2009: Daniel Frederick

Private 4,3,2,1, F-Troop 4,3,2,1, VMI Football 4,3,2,1, VMI Track 4,3,2,1, Sinks Soccer 1, Drive 1, College Republicans 2, 1, Big Red



2003: Justin Sayko  
2009: James Bradshaw, Joey R...



**Joseph L. Gill II**  
Coral Springs, FL

Marine Corps - Civil Engineering

Because of the fact that I don't have any roommate Joe to have a blank journal, I'm going to write something about him. Over the past couple years I've watched Joe progress into a leader of the Corps, and I saw him take on more responsibility than I was ever willing to take. Watching his dedication to VMI also made me feel like I should try to be more of the Institute as I decided to apply to my senior year, and become a more active part of the Navy Battalion. People thought that Joe was too tough on people and set standards too high for the Corps, but the truth was he just wanted to get out the best in everyone.

Those that know Joe best know the good of a guy he is and how much he likes just joking around and having a good time. We've had some great times taking the Corps and heading up to JMU only to come back with a headache to sleep the next afternoon in barracks. I know the days of partying together aren't over the occasions of all the CE playboys hanging together again, won't be nearly as frequent as they are. At least we took the stage of the CE Senior field trip by going the bars in Alexandria. We've had some memorable times here at VMI. Best of the Marine Corps Joe, you'll make a great officer, and the ladies will be loving those dress blues.

'AH.

boys



**Jeffrey J. Gilmore**  
Oak Hill, VA

Army - Electrical Engineering  
"Gil, The Voice, Barry White"

Four years is a hell of a long time when you just listen to yourself say it. It's even longer when you look back at all that has happened and try to convince yourself that you really did do all those things. Matriculation, sweat parties, forced marches, Breakout, FTX, football games, concerts, running the block to go elsewhere for a few hours, summer school, Ring Figure, senior design projects, rats, and finally graduation. Everyone here can just read this list off and remember moments that will stay with us forever.

In a place like this that drives people to their mental and physical limits, I can proudly say that any roommate I had will graduate from here. That's a heck of a streak. Though I never saw my dyke as much as most rats, I still feel that I wouldn't be the person I am today without him—thanks Bill. To the rats, try to enjoy as much time here (or not here) as you can, because soon enough, you'll be the ones looking back wondering where the time has gone. To all the roommates, count yourself lucky I never decided to actually end your misery here. I hope to see most of you at our reunions to come, and in good health.

'06 '06 '06



**Jonathan T. Glasscock**  
Winchester, VA

Army - Psychology

No one gets out of here without having people who believed in them, and who helped them get through this place in the darkest times. For me, it has been a lot of people. I have to start with my brother rats; I have never known or respected a group of people more than you. I wear my ring with pride, not because of the people who have gone before us, but because of each of you. I have no doubt that this class will produce more leaders, in every field, than any other. We've already got more combat vets than most classes, and we even broke Out. And if nothing else, we'll always have places like the Hooters in Charlotte, Alley Katz in Richmond, Ring Figure, and a multitude of other good times.

Mom, Dad, Jenn— I love you guys. If I've ever needed a role model, it was one of you. You all are my strength, and the reason I'm the man I am now. For my dykes, I'm thankful for you all and for the lessons I learned. You gave all of your rats another family. As for my rat, you're turning into a good cadet. It's a good thing I've got extra time to work on you. Be strong, there is a light at the end.



2003: Nichole Kramer  
2009: David Grey, George Smith



2003: Bill Netherton  
2009: Kurt Seidl, Kevin Snevely



2003: Jon Lowery  
2009: Kyle Johnson

Ice Hockey, Commanders Jazz Band

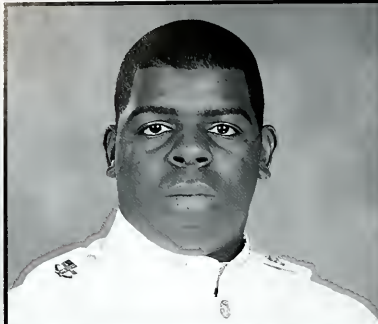
GC '03-'04; 4<sup>th</sup> CPL (3C); 1C PVT forever after





**Adam R. Glassick**  
Jacksonville, FL

*Army - Biology*



**Terrell A. Golden**  
Germantown, MD

*Air Force - Psychology*  
"That guy, blakz, king dingaling"



**Jose Goncalves**  
Trumbull, CT

*Air Force - Biology*  
"Joe"

Right now all I can think about is graduation. Over the past four years I've pretty much complained about everything that VMI has to offer from the academics, formations, Club Crozet, inspections, and all of the other great parts of VMI. I have no desire to come back to this place after I graduate but I think that will all change on May 16, 2006 when we all go our separate ways. It is hard to imagine a life without it. No not really. Sometimes it sucked, but there was a lot of fun.

I want to thank my parents for everything they did for me while I was at VMI. Everyone in Charlie Company is a friend that I will never forget from the ratline. With roommates like Dan, Seth, Dave, and Jon, who could have a boring semester? Dan was always breaking stuff, I pissed on Seth's bed and watched endless hours of Smallville with him, and then Dave making prank phone calls and being in the mafia second class year was crazy. Senior year has calmed down a bit with Andrew, Marc, and Will. Still lots of fun goin out to the Palms for beers, tailgating, goin down to UNC, and just being in room 114. Ryan Hergrueter, I don't know how you talked me into going to this place back in Bonnie Kelly's physics class at CSHS.

"Do tha dam thang!!" and "Don't talk about it, be about it!"

I still remember a second Lieutenant telling me how quickly his cadetship flew by on the day of matriculation. VMI time flew by, but in the meantime it was one hell of an experience. I came here wanting to better myself and that's exactly what happened. Not because VMI made me a better man but because it elicited the best one out of me. The honor code, the traditions, the academics, and the constant help all helped do this. I want to thank my friends, especially everyone in Delta, and even more so to my roommates. I believe I've met some of the finest men here at VMI and they are the main reason why I'm proud to be from here.

CIG 1,2,3; Phi Eta Sigma VP 3; English Society 2,3; EMAT 3; Spanish Round Table 1,2; Club boxing 2; Club Racquetball 1; Dean's List, Beta Beta Beta Honor Society 1,2

Football- Defensive Tackle

Ice Hockey 3,2; Bodybuilding 1; Triden Society 1



2003: Chris  
2009: Chris



2002: Dominik Browne  
2009: Nick Mims, Dan Popper



2003: Matt Waite  
2009: Rafael Rodriguez



**Adam F. Good**

*Broadway, VA*

*my - Mechanical Engineering  
"Red"*



**Braxton T. Good**

*Vienna, VA*

*Air Force - Economics*



**Derek J. Gouker**

*Madison, AL*

*Army - International Studies*

Wow, really can't believe that we  
ady first classmen, and that most of  
joing to be graduating soon. I've  
ot of really good times at the Mother  
had a lot of really sucky times too,  
, that's VML. Made a lot of friends  
at I'm sure I'll keep for the rest of my  
ost of all the roommates that I've had  
e last three years. Pat and Chris,  
a get together at least once a  
something. Well, I ain't one for long  
es, so in closing I'll say HOOAAH,  
Fi, and good luck to all my BRs.  
OGS! CE 06.5

It is the Soldier, not the minister  
Who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the Soldier, not the reporter  
Who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the Soldier, not the poet  
Who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer  
Who has given us freedom to protest.

It is the Soldier, not the lawyer  
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the Soldier, not the politician  
Who has given us the right to vote.

It is the Soldier who salutes the flag,  
Who serves beneath the flag,  
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,  
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.

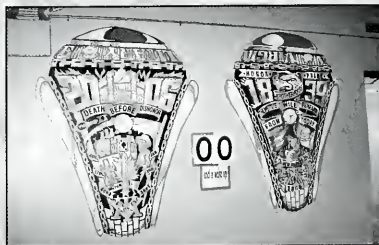
We are at the end of our difficult  
and tiring journey at VML, and if I have  
learned one thing from this experience it  
is that I have been with some of the finest  
people I have ever met, and will ever meet.  
We have gone through many things most  
would never or could never have gone  
through. Each year had its own difficulties  
and rewards, each was different but the  
same. From meet your cadre to graduation  
we as a class have taken and given, been  
punished, have punished, learned and  
taught, followed and lead. Now our time  
is over and we are to move on, but I will  
never forget the events and people from  
these past few years.

Now that we are at the end I would  
just like to thank all of my BRs, for if it wasn't  
for you I would never have made it to  
this point and I wish you all the best in the  
future.

Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Sprint Football 2, 1;  
Company 2; Drill Team 3; TGMS 2



*2003: Patrick Botlero  
2009: Joe Schmidt*



*2003: Andrew Barden  
2009: Kevin Crum, Dan Wood*



*2003: Matt Smith  
2009: Andrew Aloisio, Matthew Anderson*





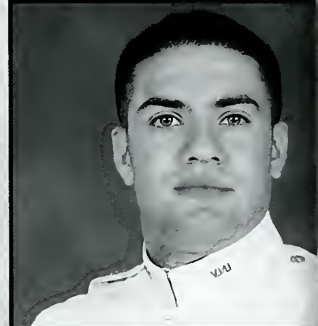
**Eron M. Grabowsky**  
Mason Neck, VA

Army - Mathematics  
"Big Bird"



**John R. Graham II**  
Tazewell, VA

Air Force - Biology  
"Jake"



**Jochen A. Granja**  
Alexandria, VA

Air Force - Chemistry

I would like to thank you mom and dad for making college possible in many more ways than you know. You have been the greatest role models I could have wished for and I can only dream that I will be able to achieve a fraction of what you have done.

Dad you have been such an important influence on my life. I can never express how much it means that you were always there to give me another chance. You are a great person whom I will always aspire to be more like and I can't think of anyone whom I respect more than you.

Mom your unconditional love and support will always mean more to me than you know and the many packages you have sent to make me feel loved. You were always there for me whenever I was down or depressed and made me better every time I came home sick. No matter how many times I have fought you and you didn't think I was listening to what you were saying; I was. You have taught me some of the most important lessons that I have learned.

I don't think I could ever explain how much the two of you mean to me. Teddy thanks for being my brother and always willing to give advice.

To all of you that I will never forget thank you for making the "I" a little more bearable. Diana just remember you're my favorite.

It's been a long and rough four years here and I'm glad that my time is coming to an end. I've met some great people and learned a lot about life. I could not have done it without the support of my family, especially my parents. They really helped me through some tough times and I appreciate everything they did for me. I also couldn't have made it through here without the help of some good friends, especially my two roommates, Chase and Isaac. All there is to do now is wait until May 16th and try to make the best of what's left.

What seemed to be long for turn out to be very short years, too still doesn't seem like this is my last year here. I will take many memories with me like destroying everything our room playing hoops with the basket Clay. Living in the craziest place in barrack SINKS" our 1st class year. Let's not forget fun times at JMU and Tech.

I will certainly not miss this place at all but will truly miss my boys. The important lesson I learned while here is loyalty to your boys. I can't imagine through this place without the great that I have come to know. Thank you for being there in both times of laughter and tears. Know that you could count on me for the same. To the best group of guys in the wrestling team, always keep on working hard and the "Elbow pass". To Jesse, I can't thank you enough for everything. I can promise you we will have that adventure even if we are past thirty Clay. Cerote you're almost there, good luck, and thanks for being the coolest I know! Billy Zane, keep it real and you're almost there too! Lastly, Frank, do what you want and you will be fine!

Wrestling 4.3.2.1



2009: Ashli

Wendydale



2003: Adam Wymer  
2009: Stephen Lloyd, William Owen



2003: Juan Sanchez  
2009: Frank Ellis



**Timothy D. Greer**  
Annandale, VA

*Navy - Civil Engineering*  
"CE Playboy Prez"



**Patrick J. Grey**  
Wilmington, DE

*Marine Corps - International Studies*  
"PJ"



**Justin T. Guy**  
Lexington, VA

*Air Force - English*  
"Papa Guy, Uncle Justin"

Man how quick these last 4 years  
one by. I know graduation will be here  
I know it and I'll be starting something  
over again. I'll miss all the great friends  
made here, although I know we will still  
touch. My roommates for the last two  
Kyle and Joe, have been the greatest  
and I'm looking forward to seeing  
our paths take us in life. My deployed  
mates Cody and Dudu, the room  
won't be the same w/out you guys. I'll  
forget the Bahamas crew from 3<sup>rd</sup> class  
and all the great stories that we share  
on that trip.

Then there are my constant  
sessions on my late nights of studying.  
The crew also known as the "CE Playboys."  
and some great times together just sitting  
and joking about anything and  
nothing. Damn second class year was  
I can't forget to mention the "Death  
and our killer workouts. I never would  
add the drive and determination to  
VMI and set the high expectations  
myself that I do if it wasn't for my family. My  
other always pushing me, I know he will  
keep me striving for my goals.

There isn't enough room to reflect on  
memories and all my friends that I've  
while here at VMI. This place has made  
me a better person, and no matter what I will  
be striving to achieve the one goal that I  
here to achieve. I've made friendships  
I'll last a lifetime. Thinking about my years  
at VMI, I now know that I have no regrets  
coming here. HOOYAH!!!

& Outdoor Track 4,3,2,1; CE Playboys

PJ, despite your fascination with  
erotic aquatic photos, and your grueling  
study habits - or lack thereof, you always  
kept the room entertained. It only took  
you three and half semesters to finally be  
potty-trained in the room. Although you're  
a hard-charging Marine most of the time,  
we know tequila brings out the sensitive  
side. You always took initiative as a Trooper  
by leading the company on crazy missions;  
be it across Post or the whole way to the  
Citadel. We just want to say how proud we  
are that you sacrificed your last semester at  
VMI to take on a greater responsibility to the  
nation by serving in Iraq. Although you will  
not walk the stage with us in May, we know  
you'll be with us in spirit. Hopefully when you  
return you will be able to grow more facial  
hair than a twelve year old. 439, 339, 239,  
C-28 Holla.

I just want to give a special thanks  
to my parents and the rest of my family for  
all your support. Tambone, study hard and  
stay focused. David, I'm proud of you and  
all you've endured in the recent months -  
stay with it. My roommates - you all rock!  
Semper FI

This testimonial does not belong to  
me, but necessarily to those others who have  
demonstrated their extraordinary friendship.  
Without them, this could not have been  
done. It is to them, and others who doubtless  
deserve my recognition, that I dedicate this:

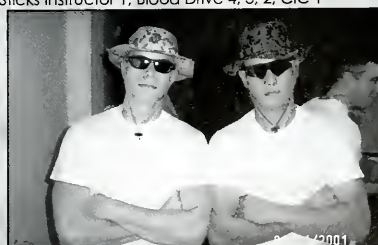
Mary, who taught me that what  
must be endured can be, if we are only  
patient; Stevan, whose presence and  
example are a genuine inspiration; Jake,  
my father, and Christina, my mother, whose  
love I never question; Nelson and Sue, father  
and mother surrogate; Ann, whose kind  
heart is without equal; another Ann, also of  
kind heart; John, a man of unquestioned  
principle; Donald and Paul, whose friendship  
is my oldest; Frank, brother rat and dear  
friend; Sean and Susan, who endured  
hardship with me and became greater than  
any expected; the Church, most especially  
in the persons of Fathers Caimi and DePorter,  
Deacon Rourke, and Brothers Romuald and  
Francis Gerard, CFX & AOL; My new brother  
rats, Dan, Steve, and Colin; Ryan, dyke,  
friend, and brother.

To my rats, from 190 and 107,  
Jackson, Chris, and Kirk, Randy, Ryan, Hank,  
Josh, and Michael; your successes have  
all come from within; VMI does not instill  
intangibles like honor, fortitude, and integrity,  
it only serves to accentuate what is already  
present.

And to Sarah, whom I treasure  
above all others; what victory this is, belongs  
most to you.



2003: Chris Noah  
2003: Jared Klajnbart, Tyler Tucker



2003: Brian Gardner  
2009: Mark Tambone



2000: Ryan Thompson  
2009: Joseph Cunningham, Ryan Willard





**Philip C. Hahn**  
Ford City, PA

*Air Force - Electrical Engineering*  
"Chiodo"



**Kyle B. Hamm**  
Savannah, GA

*Army - Economics*  
"The Original Silly, Hambone"



**Glenn B. Hammond**  
Cloverdale, VA

*Air Force - Electrical Engineering*  
"Gummi Bear"

Describing Chiodo is not an easy task. Where do I begin: a good place might be with track, our friendship began there and continued through many Sundays at Masses and the 4 years of VMI. Boy did you look good in those extra-small shorts you would constantly wear out in public. Being a history major, its hard to think about what life would be like as an EE Major, but I would often dream about it while Phil was up to all hours of the night studying and doing work like the nerd he is. Phil also became a cowboy his second class year, and later to be named Prosecutor our 1st class year.

Through it all he didn't change and kept it real, to that much respect is given. He was a vital part of the magnificent 7 and the wicked fun times at Barney's. VMI taught Phil how to appreciate the finer aspects of life, such as friendship and returning friendship. Phil admires and loves his parents for everything they had done to him, all the support and help through the 4 years. Phil was extremely close with Mary, but I'll be honest, we all had a special place in our hearts for her. I'll never forget our friendship Chiodo, thanks for everything. Go Steelers and Joey Porter!

First and foremost, thank you Mom, Dad, Mallory, and the rest of my family. If it wasn't for you I would have never made it. Words can not express how blessed I am to have had you by my side throughout my cadetship.

To my roommates of 112 you guys have been great and there was never a dull moment. From all of the partying to the late night prank calls we couldn't have had a more exciting year if we tried. The Silly Squad will never be forgotten.

To all of the late night EC/BU study crew, I would have never made it through without you guys.

To Froggy, thanks for the great memories! Good luck with the next three years of your cadetship, you can do it! As for the rest of the Rats of room 112, it was a lot of fun and there were some great times. Keep your heads up and you can make it. Don't forget to keep the Silly Squad alive.

VMI has taught me things in life that, at this age, I don't think I would have learned at another school. It has taught me what to do and what not to do as a cadet and has allowed me to, educationally, do and accomplish things that I don't think I would have done at another college. I'm so glad that these four years are finally over and I am ready to get out of this place. I want to say thanks to my roommates, friends, and especially my family who have been there to support me.

Track, Cadet Investment Group, Honor Court, S-4

F-troop 4,3,2,1!



2003: Murphy  
David Schlaseman



2003: Chris Noah  
2009: Gary Pflugner



2003: Josh Frank  
2009: Rick Fratz



**Aaron W. Hawkins**  
Pulaski County, VA

Force - Electrical Engineering  
"Hawk"



**Jeremy D. Hefner**  
Spotsylvania, VA

Army - Mechanical Engineering  
"Big Germ"



**Patrick J. Heiny**  
Florida, NY

Marine Corps - Psychology

Every one of us in the Class of 2003 signed our names in the matriculation book for the experience that is VMI, but I don't think any of us expected to have our experience reshape our lives. I know I am not the same person that I was when I joined VMI, for that I want to thank everyone who has supported me over the last four hardest years of my life.

It seems like just yesterday my family was dropping me off on matriculation day; Dad telling me how proud he was, mom crying, Josh laughing, and Liz not wanting to release her hug. The past four years are a blur, but tell a story that I am proud to have experienced. It's the small things that made this journey bearable; sliding down an icy hill to Crozet, snowball fights in the winter, late nights in the lab, hanging with the roommates, Saturday nights at the Palms, and countless others.

These times will come to an end, but the friendships I have gained will not. To all those I have made such a close bond with, roommates, Golf company, ME's and everyone else, I am honored and privileged to have made it through with you by my side. To my rat, don't be so impatient to get out of here, enjoy the time you have with such remarkable people. You have made me proud, and I know you will continue to. There were times when I was miserable, but looking back, I would have rather been nowhere else, and I thank God for this incredible experience. To my family, I thank God for you every night; you mean the world to me and so much more. God bless you all, and good luck in the future.

To all my BR's we have shared a lot; sweat, pain, exhaustion, and laughs, all of which contribute to some of the best memories ever and which I will never forget. It hasn't been an easy four years, having problems in our personal lives or here at the Institute, and even some amongst each other, but we have always been there for each other and that's been the best part. It's impossible to thank everyone, to my BR's, fellow cadets, and faculty.

To Chris and Red, some of the best friends I could have asked for. The two of you have helped me through a lot, and have helped me to become who I am today. And I cannot thank you enough for that.

To Frank, we have so many memories from spending 3<sup>rd</sup> class year summer together, and others you are a great friend and will make a great Officer; I wish you the best of luck.

To Bulldog we have a tight bond, all of you will make great Officers of Marines.

To Bravo Company truly the best company on the Hill and I am lucky and blessed to be a part of.

To my Bravo Rats, the company's future, you are some of the best Rats to come through VMI. I hope you learned as much from me as I have from you.

ing Team ACIC

RDC, Ranger Company 1, Sprint Football 1

Fire Department 4,3,2; Semper Fi Society 4,3,2,1; Rugby 4; Drill Team 3; Timmins Gentry Music Society 3,2



2003: Willy Hale  
2009: Jacob Branner, Andrew Gore



2003: Bubba Matthews  
2009: John Alexander



2003: AJ Rickel  
2009: Dana Hlavaty





**Timothy R. Helmick**  
Newport News, VA

*Army - History*

"Farva, The Nazi, Shaun, Tim Dong III"



**Ryan H. Hergrueter**  
Roanoke, VA

*Army - Economics*



**John R. Herzog III**  
Bel Air, MD

*Air Force - Psychology*

"Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway." ~John Wayne

I certainly had to draw on a lot of courage over the past four years, the courage to come here, third class year the courage to stay, and finally first class year the courage to sit out a number 1. This one was for you Dad, we did it. I love you Mom. Casey, whatever you do in life, be the best. Thanks to my grandparents and the rest of my extended family.

I would like to thank all of my Brother Rats, you made this place seem bearable when I thought I couldn't make it another day. Thanks to my roommate of three years, Brenton, from Rat year to 1<sup>st</sup> class year we owned Charlie. Thanks to Chris, a new friendship I never expected, and remember, you'll always be big in my heart. Jason, thanks for being my best friend through thick and thin, I know it was hard. To my Rats Chris and Kyle, welcome to four years of "experience;" and to all my Rats, just remember, NEVER STOP RUNNING! To all the '07 and '08 kids, thanks for making my life a little easier and acting like an idiot with me, in the US and in Hungary. Thanks to my professors. Finally, to the Institute, Tim Helmick 1. VMI 0.

I will thank no one before I thank the Lord for guiding me through this school. This has clearly been a challenging education, and overall an extremely demanding lifestyle. Oftentimes I asked myself "Why not just give up and go to a normal school; be like everyone else?" The answer was always simple - who wants to be like everyone else?

Over the past 4 years I have studied through many classes, suffered through many inspections, and put up with some pretty disgusting food. All of these things have made an impact on my life, but it is not all of this that will help me to remember my career at VMI. What I will remember are my friends I have made here at the institute. Relationships will come and go throughout life, but your bonds with your true friends at VMI will never die. My friends at VMI have been there for me when I needed someone to talk to, shown me an incredible work ethic, and given me a kick in the ass when I have been completely inconsiderate. I will say that I have learned a great deal through academics at this school, but it is incomparable when put against how much I have learned through my friends. So, thank you to my friends, you know who you are. I wish you the best of luck, and I completely hope and expect to keep in touch with you.

"It is better to be hated for who you are than to be loved for who you're not." ~Voltaire

The past four years have been great; not all the time, though. The bad late nights, early mornings, bad food, Sweat Parties, sleeping on a board, the Commandant's Staff, quarters way too close. The good: great friendships, football, defensive line meetings, good teachers, play station, Noble Poker, all nighters with the roommates, laughing at Steel, dining in the "X", JMU stories and way more I can mention here. Steel, you are hilarious. Jason, lay off the gambling. Danny, I hope that we can be friends again.

I want to thank Coach Cal McCombs for believing in me and asking me to play football. Coach, you taught me so much about life and about what is important. Dad and Mom, you were there for me. VMI was a good fit for me and everything I did work out. I love you both. Moo, you were a package deal and a great sister, just out of The Rope Walk. Bird, you are so kind and sweet and I am glad that I am your "older brother". Laura, I always knew we would be together. I love you and look forward to our future. I guess it has been a great ride and like all the others who have gone before me, I'll realize that when I leave

Rugby 4,3,2; Sprint Football 1,2; Civil War Roundtable 3,2; OGA 1; Phi Alpha Theta 1



2009: Kyle Semma



2003: Matt Keck  
2009: Dusty Pflugner



2003: Andy Reel  
2009: Robbie Appel, Daniel Von S.



**Raymond M. Hill**  
*Murfreesboro, TN*

*Army - Modern Languages*



**Jesse E. Hills**  
*Terre Haute, IN*

*Marine Corps - International Studies*



**Michael R. Hiltner**  
*Norristown, PA*

*Air Force - Mechanical Engineering*

After four years at VMI, what do I want to show for it? (Well other than a degree and education.) I've lived with four part-time jobs since the first day. I lacrosse with people like Tony, Dan... I've seen the world and am fluent in a language other than English. I really big ring.

What have I learned from it? How to find good friends really are. How to live for the future because the present is what we have. How to cherish the little things that life has to offer. Most importantly, to be on point, to find a common goal between what I want to do and what I should do and do it.

In conclusion, though I can't say it all, I will say it was interesting. I have learned from my coaches for all they have given me with, my friends for helping me and most importantly my mom for everything. Rats of C31, you have a long go. Good luck. If you ever need me, you'll know how to find me. Now I finally leave the Institute for the last time as a cadet.

After graduating as officers we were ready to shed our blood in defence of our regimental honour, and as for true honour, hardly any one of us knew what that was, and even if anyone had discovered what it was he himself would have been the first to ridicule it. Drunkenness, rowdiness, and bravado were almost something to be proud of. I can't say that we were wicked; all those young people were good, but they behaved badly, and I was the worst of all.

-Fyodor Dostoevsky

First and foremost, I would like to thank my parents and family; Thank you for building me up to the person I am today. Thanks for listening to me complain about this place, thanks for driving countless hours to see me for just a little while, thanks for payin' the bills,...thanks for everything! I love you all.

To the greatest friends a guy could have: Those of you, who really know me, know that the summer before our first class year turned my life upside down. However, not many of you know that I seriously contemplated taking a year off. The only reason I came back this year was knowing that the "Dudes," were going to help me get through this year. I thank all of you for that, honestly, I couldn't have done it without you. You Dudes are the greatest, and I'll never forget any of you. Jim, Justin, Phil, and the guys that might have well lived in our room the last couple of years, John A. Jon K. and Rob, good luck on all your future endeavors. You will all accomplish great things.

To my rats, Stephen, and Dayton, don't take this place too serious. Stay loyal and look out for your co-dykes. Study hard and don't take anything for granted, you never know what the future holds.

Thank you VMI.  
 Dudes in Heat!

Rugby 3,2,1



2003: Will Diaz  
 2009: Riley Wirth

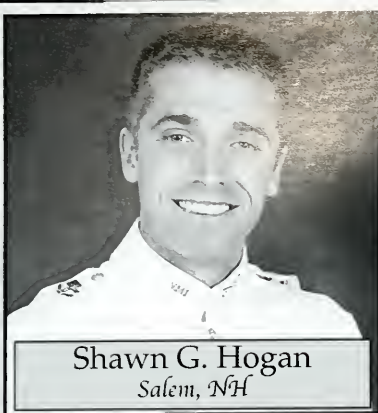


2003: James Holloway  
 2009: Patrick Maloney



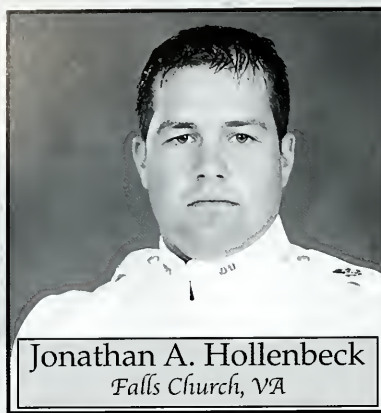
2003: Daniel Goldberg  
 2009: Dayton Blume, Stefan Mello





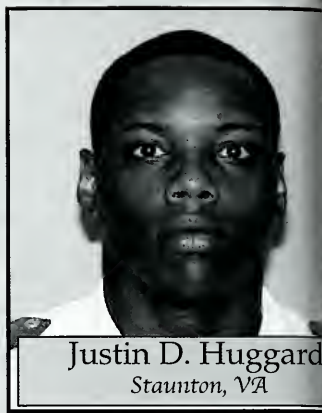
**Shawn G. Hogan**  
Salem, NH

*Army - Mechanical Engineering*  
"Hogatron, Room 130 - Ballers on a Budget, Ochan"



**Jonathan A. Hollenbeck**  
Falls Church, VA

*Air Force - Economics*



**Justin D. Huggard**  
Staunton, VA

*Air Force - Economics*

Someone once told me that one of the longest trips you'll make in your life is down to the first stoop in barracks, and I'm convinced they're right. Four years, four floors. But besides being the longest journey of my life, my time at VMI has also been the most difficult, frustrating, rewarding, and fun of my life.

And for that I am grateful for all the people who helped support me through the years. To my professors, thanks for the good lessons taught. Thanks to my family and friends who got me through the tough times, showing there was a reason for it all. To my teammates who pushed me daily to run longer, faster and harder than the day before. To my dykes Shawn, Allen, Will and Cliff for teaching me what it is to be a cadet and being someone I could turn to in times of need. To my rats Pat, Andrew, Nick and Barrett for being a motley crew of rag-tag rat ties always keeping me on my toes. And, most important, to my BR's for pulling me up that hill, for being there during the good times and the bad, and for teaching me more about life and its different approaches. Four years, four floors, but it sure went by fast.

There's a delightful image in Plato, which explains why a sensible person is right to steer clear of politics. He sees everyone else rushing into the street and getting soaked in the pouring rain. He can't persuade them to go indoors and keep dry. He knows if he went out too, he'd merely get equally wet. So he just stays indoors himself, and, as he can't do anything about other people's stupidity, comforts himself with the thought: 'Well, I'm all right, anyway.'

-Sir Thomas More

Our revels now are ended. These our As I foretold you, were all spirits, and Are melted into air, into thin air: And, like the baseless fabric of this vision, The cloud-capp'd towers, The gorgeous palaces, The solemn temples, the great globe Yea, all which it inherit, shall dissolve, And, like this insubstantial pageant faded, Leave not a rack behind. We are such As dreams are made on; and our little life is rounded with a sleep.

The Tempest. Act IV, Sc. 1

Cross Country, indoor/outdoor track 4 3.2.1; Finite Math Tutor 3.2.1; Finite Mathematics Peer Lead Team Learning leader 2; Library cadet assistant 3.2.1; Ac Mentor 1, M.E. Calc Tutor 1; Institute Writing Program Asst. 1; Phi Eta Sigma 4.3.2.1; Phi Kappa Phi 2.1; Tau Beta Pi 2.1; Omicron Delta Kappa 2.1



**Shawn Herrick**  
Boston, Jeremy Falke



**2002: Andrew Barden**  
**2009: Michael Bowman, Chris Henderson**



**2003: Michael Poliquin**  
**2009: Ryan Anderson, Bryan Re**



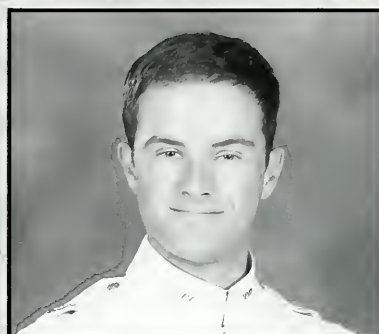
**Brian R. Hunt**  
Fryeburg, ME

Force - Mechanical Engineering



**Andrew C. Ihnen**  
Arlington, VA

Air Force - Civil Engineering  
"The Kennedy, Baron Von Ihnen, Artic Explorer, 1<sup>st</sup> Corporal, Enunch"



**Thomas C. Innes**  
Richmond, VA

Army - Civil Engineering  
"Shade"

The best way I can think of to be a VMI cadet is through a man who has been asked the man why he does things he replies; because it feels so whenever I stop. We've dealt with all hardships, suffered with existence, and the pain. Now we have all this hope in education, the time and the pain will pay off. That somehow the day for our life is over and heaven can come forth. That the doors will open, the girls will line up.

As pessimistic as this may sound, we are that our troubles have now just ended. We have been bred these last four years thinking that we were a cut above, we are the best. Now our trouble lays this to everyone. VMI was our ground for the world. Through our we will find success. The time that I here and the friends that I made, I will forget. Even though now we will all go and go different paths, we all share and. We are the class of 2006, and we will be the best. For my roommates and 111, good luck, keep in touch, see you soon. Andrew and the rest of us, stay strong; keep hitting your head at that wall. Soon you will know what it's like to stop.

Some Things:

- KEVIN SIMPSON IS THE ORIGINAL HOLLA BACK GIRL
- 20"
- Vikings!
- High Life - Sigma Nu style - oh yeah
- Do you have your scuba bubble?
- I'm Mr. Brightside Livin' On A Prayer Watching 99 Red Balloons Go By
- Air guitar rocks
- Flask it
- Not another queen movie?
- Too much evil for one hand
- Chris's middle name is Rebecca
- The last semester
- If you make a goofy face and press your chest against the window of The Palms with your grey blouse unzipped and your hat backwards while Frida Dagg is inside, W&L is a great place to hide
- It's ok, they said we can come in...but we have to strip
- JHBP3
- Is that a pterodactyl?
- Sandal fights
- HA!
- Val-Holla-Holla
- Greatest ideas ever are the greatest
- Chair Now!
- Hooray!
- Yes...I know that guy too
- To my fellow CE Playboys - Holla!
- Laurens and James - best of luck the next four years, you will both do great
- Chris and Chris - the last few years have been a blast, it couldn't have been better
- To all my buddies - it's been fun, best of luck in your future endeavors, stay connected and my door is always open

Over, finally. I had a lot of fun and marched a lot of penalty tours. Joel and Eddie, thanks for pointing me in the right direction. Steve, Biff, Russ, Leo, thanks for always looking out. Tyler, Dan, all of the 06 guys, thanks and good luck. Thanks to my friends in our class, neighbors, tailgaters, CE students. To Steve, Austin, Marc, Lance, Frank, and other late night studiers, thanks for making those nights fun. Too bad I still couldn't get my work done. 112 rats, good luck and stay out of trouble. Austin, Rory and Garrett, that was a productive semester. Jimmer and Will, you two were awesome roommates. Good job keeping me out of trouble. I bet we were in the top 30 cadets for something, 72% of the time. We had more fun than I thought possible living together for three years in the same room. The summer in Charleston was decent.

To my grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, thanks. I love you all. Thanks to everyone at other colleges, I always had a great time. Haha, I apologize for sometimes getting out of control. Wish I could have visited the Richmond kids more often.

Mom and Dad, I love you so much. Your constant support (and nagging) got me to graduation. Thanks for the tailgates, packages, and everything else along the way. I hope you enjoyed the extra football season. Phillip, you're a great brother. Good luck. Mom, Dad and Phil, thanks for the opportunities, I love you.

3,2,1; Marathon Club 2; Powerlifting 3

Cadre 3,2; RDC 1; Jazz Band 3,2,1; CE Playboys 1



2003: Nate Smith  
2009: Andrew Morse



2003: Steve Nakazawa  
2009: Laurens Delpach, James Leenhouts



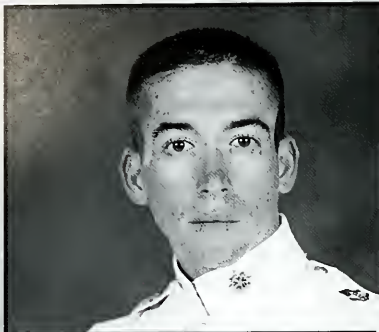
2002: Eddie Anderson, Joel Meeks  
2005: Lawton Drake, Justin Jarman





**Zane H. Irby**  
Natural Bridge Station, VA

*Air Force - Economics*



**Curtis I. Ivins**  
Amherst, VA

*Army - History*

"JarJar [thanks Cadre], The 11<sup>th</sup> New Market Cadet; The MRE Bomber"



**Han-Lung Jin**  
Kaohsiung, Taiwan

*Army - Economics*

"The Biggest Asian in the Corps, Jim"

It is the Soldier, not the minister  
Who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the Soldier, not the reporter  
Who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the Soldier, not the poet  
Who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer  
Who has given us freedom to protest.

It is the Soldier, not the lawyer  
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the Soldier, not the politician  
Who has given us the right to vote.

It is the Soldier who salutes the flag,  
Who serves beneath the flag,  
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,  
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.

My four years here have changed my life completely. It seems that every week that I've been here I've learned some sort of lesson or have changed in some way. This place has been the biggest challenge of my life and has changed me for the better, but only because my family, friends and Brother Rats have been there for support. I never could have done this without the support they've given me. To my family and friends, to include the special ones whom I care for so much more: thanks for always being there, from weekends and tailgates, to furloughs and phone calls, and always having faith in me. To my BR's: We've been there to help each other through anything, from party weekends and personal trouble, to that long, muddy hill and rat riots, to smuggling confiscatables and hiding each other from officers (namely me), to just studying for a final.

In conclusion, to family and friends: I know I'm moving right on to the Army, but don't give up on or forget me, be patient, I'll still be around! I love you! To my BR's: I wish ya'll the best, for those going into the service - stay safe, come home. To E.Co.: Violence, Intensity and Discipline always. To the I: thanks for everything, I'm ready to leave, but I'll be back eventually.....

It is quite a journey to go to a school that is on the other side of the earth. I consider I am very lucky that I had such a chance to do so. With this opportunity I got to meet wonderful people and to experience wonderful things in this wonderful land. However, everything has its beginning has its end; it's time to go back and GET SOME. Goodbye guys, ya'll later.

To all my Taiwanese Comrades: Keep up the good work and take care of each other. Good luck.

"You sometimes have to do what you don't want to do when you don't want to do it in order to do what you want to do when you want to do it."

~Jim Morris



2003: *Joë Schulteis*



2003: *Bryan Zollinger*  
2009: *Adam Stewart*



2003: *Kai-Chiun Liou*  
2009: *Kang-hung We*

Theatre (CIC '04-'06); Combatives (CIC '05-'06); College Republicans

Ranger Company 3; Marathon 2; POW 1



**Philip A. Johnson**  
Fairfax, VA

*Army - Economics*



**Casey W. Jones**  
Bluemont, VA

*Army - Economics*



**Matthew A. Jones**  
Surry, VA

*Army - Psychology*

"Jonesy; Who!?!; Jizz Bones; Matty"

There's a delightful image in Plato, explains why a sensible person is right or clear of politics. He sees everyone thing into the street and getting in the pouring rain. He can't de them to go indoors and keep dry. ws if he went out too, he'd merely ually wet. So he just stays indoors and, as he can't do anything other people's stupidity, comforts with the thought: 'Well, I'm all right, y.'

-Sir Thomas More

Friends, memories, and lessons learned. After these four years I'll never be the same. Graduation is almost here and it seems like it's all going to come to a much needed, albeit a much too abrupt, end. Despite all of the negative aspects of the Institute, there are those things that would make me do it all again. Delta '06, the cult of barracks. You are the ones that will make leaving this place difficult. You've been the best friends I could ask for and I wouldn't trade you for anything. My Rat roommates. We're the only Delta room where everyone stayed and I am proud to have spent two years of it with you. Aaron, Joel, and Joe. The four of us might not have always seen eye to eye, but I'd go to the end of the world for any of you. Nate and the rest of the Rats. You couldn't have been better. Stay strong over the next three years and nothing will be able to touch you. Cara. I'm not sure how you did it, but you stuck with me for four years, thank you. Finally, Mom and Dad. The support you have given me has meant everything and I couldn't have made it without you. It's been a good four years; now it's time to move on.

Here we are, cresting the hill that took four years to climb. As I look back, I see what has made me. I see blood, sweat, and the best friends that I could ever have asked for. To my roommates, from 404 to 119, I learned a lot. Ant, from 134 to now, thanks for letting me know how things "be" sometimes. To the live crew: weekends, hockey, Zollman's, Barney's. You've made my time here outstanding. Mike, I confess, I know nothing about computers. To the OGA, your commitment made my job easier, thanks.

To my parents, I can't think of anything I could do to show you how much you're appreciated. You support me in everything, and I love you for it. Mom, your pep talks kept me afloat. Dad, I hope I can become a tenth of the man you are. Kory, you don't know how much you've done to my character and will to become a better person. I hope you'll be there with me in the future IMLK. Jeb, you know why you're here, don't forget. Rats, I hope you got something from 119. As I complete this climb, I look up and see the mountain of life that still lies before me, and stand confident that you all will be there for me until my climb is over.  
Matt 10:22

Cadet Investment Group 3,2,1; Cadre 3,2,1;  
Fencing 4,3,2,1; Rat Challenge 3

Cadre 3; OGA Vice Prez 1; IHTFP 4,3,2,1;  
Bomb 2,1; 2 Live crew 4life



2003: John Tamborino  
2009: Adam McClish



2003: David Burdette  
2009: Nate Salatin



2003: Bob Cuthbertson  
2009: Jonathan Lewis

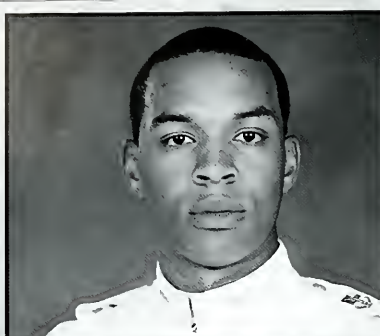




**Shaun M. Jones**  
Miamisburg, OH

*Army - English*

"Shaun Jones. Who? SHAUN JONES!"



**LeVar A. Joseph**  
Vecherie, LA

*Air Force - Economics*



**William J. Keller**  
Soldotna, AK

*Army - History*

"Alaskan Assassin"

I have been so caught up in this place that until recently I lost sight of the important things. I apologize to all of you who I have put second to my ambitions; I only hope that you can understand.

More time is spent now at my desk in a reminiscent haze. This spring is the fourth and final of my cadetship, each one a memory and measure. The Institute, its secrets revealed to me in time, seems stripped of the varnish which had once shone in optimistic eyes, and I sometimes wonder if there could have been a better way for me. I walk Letcher a little slower, eyes wider, finding truth in my steps and stumbles. In a deep, tacit way I understand how the fall of each sole marches me towards that May stage.

I went back to that first August. It was very hot and bright, and the gothic edifices looked sharply white. We all felt good, and felt healthy, invincible in our youth and bravado. Memoirs of that first year resonate within me even now: fourth stoop elitism with Joe Thorp, SAM "counseling," collecting RDC slips like it was my job, the 422 Mafia and Ball Bustlin' Brava, and most notably my induction into Cadet Publications and "Pub Frat." And while I expected a lot of things from VMI of that moment the object disillusionment which would permeate the rest of my cadetship was not one of them.

Today, sanguinity supplants regret and, like the Shenandoah spring, we too will endure the lessons of a four-year Lexington tour tucked neatly away in our greater intellect. Friends will probably remember me for my habitual overinvolvement, the idealistic aspirations of which were the raison d'être of my cadetship. I owe these triumphs to a select few, namely my family, Oliver McElroy (keep the faith and godspeed in all that lies before you), Devin Millson, Adam Stewart (I could not have hoped for a better Rat, you made this year worth it), Colonel Thomas Davis, Major Timothy Dowling, Erin Elizabeth Julius (you taught me to have faith in myself again), and last but not least the infamous fathers of "Pub Frat," Charlie Munn and Dan Cragg (My adopted Dykes, together they taught me what was important at VMI and I have tried to continue the legacies they left behind, I can only hope that I have done better by my successors, Oliver and Devin).

So in leaving it is my hope that I have continued and built upon a legacy that is better than anything I could be alone. I implore all of you to carry on the spirit of "Pub Frat," because that is yours and my greatest triumph.

"And that's the way it is"

Our revels now are ended. These our actors,  
As I foretold you, were all spirits, and  
Are melted into air, into thin air:

And, like the baseless fabric of this vision,  
The cloud-capp'd towers,

The gorgeous palaces,

The solemn temples, the great globe itself,

Yea, all which it inherit, shall dissolve,

And, like this insubstantial pageant faded,

Leave not a rack behind. We are such stuff

As dreams are made on; and our little life  
Is rounded with a sleep.

The Tempest. Act IV, Sc. 1

How did you get to VMI from Alaska? That one question has followed every day of my cadetship and to tell the truth I'm not sure what brought me far away from my friends and family to the west but I know exactly what kept me when it would have been all too easy to back: My Brother Rats. We've been through just about everything but always managed to come out alright. Thank you all so much for everything you've done for me, and hesitate to call it I can ever return to the To C Company; be true to yourself and always put your people first, then you can never go wrong.

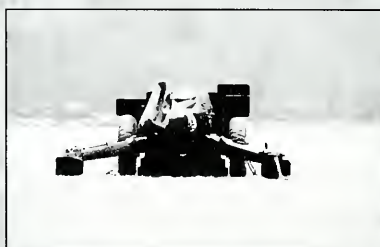
Last but not least to my family, without your love and support I never would have had the strength and courage to come to VMI, let alone finish. Thank you. Well I guess this is it, after graduation in the Army I plan to go home to Alaska. I couldn't tell you when I'll be back on this way again but know that if for some reason you ever head up my way, there is always room at my place. Take care, Bless, and always remember, "All that is necessary for evil to succeed is for good men to do nothing"

— Edmond Burke

Devin: First Class Private; The Cadet 4.3.2, Executive Editor; The Bomb 4.3.2, (Sports and Copy Editor); The Soundings, Brass 3.2, (HIC); Cadet Democrats 4.3.2, (HIC); Students for Civil Human Rights (Founder and Pres); English Society 4.3.2, (HIC); EMT-ERT 3.2, (NCMT 3.2, ACIC); Variety Swimming 4.3, Sprint Football 1; Golf Team (HIC); Inspection Phi 3.2, (CON-PRO 3.2, I



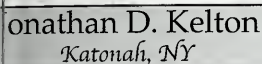
**h Parks**  
Stewart



2009: Willie Bell, Craig McCargo



2003: Jon Lowery  
2009: Travis Edwards



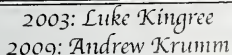
Johnathan S. Kennedy  
Gloucester, VA

Diana C. Khaksar  
Kissimmee, FL

"Crack-pipe, Crapsaur, Kawackistan, D"

Folks, I appreciate the occasional smokes and pop tarts by mail and pictures of the kitty kats; I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you Florida for all of your warm sunny weather and beaches making the trips away from Hell great every time. And a final thanks and good bye for now to all those who mattered, you know who you are, and if nothing else we'll always have optional grab-@ss/ scandalous Saturdays to bring us together.

2003: Will Johnson  
2009: Dan Diccicco

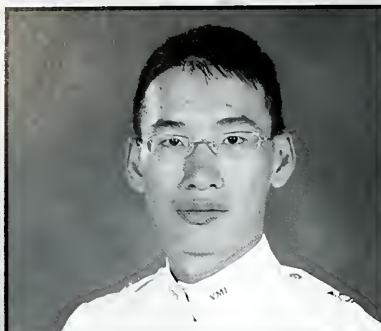






**David S. Kimsey**  
Harrisonburg, VA

*Army - Psychology*



**Yau-Ren Kuo**  
Taiwan

*Navy - Mechanical Engineering*  
"Kuo Diesel"



**Philip J. Lacey**  
Staunton, VA

*Army - History*  
"Phil, Buck, Sir G"

I am not graduating with you guys due to my deployment in Afghanistan but I have had made lifelong friendships here and will remember you guys forever. Our class is going to go and do great things in the military and in the civilian world. I wish you all the best of luck and I'll see you guys when I get out. To room 419, I'll always remember because of the piss stain on my hay and the barbie doll in my desk drawer. To room 123 all I have to say is BADUSSY. Good luck class of 06

These 4 years all I did was sit down in NEB to do HW. I will never forget the first two months at VMI. Because I totally didn't understand what they said even though they yelled in my face. All I know is push up and strain. I learned lots stuff during these 4 years. Especially the 1<sup>st</sup> year my rat roommates (421), Chimpong, Back, Massenburg and Greer, they taught me a lot stuff. Like how to drink (Greer), listen to 50 Cent's music (Massenburg). I know I still have a lot of grammar problems in my English. But I am not worried about that because HefnerJD will proofread my paper. This is the Brother Rat Spirit. Go VMI!!

HR: Hefner JD proofread this paragraph

It has been a very long four years and I can't say I enjoyed them at all. To Mom and Dad and Grandma for me out so much. I would've been in more trouble had it not been for you. Of drawing blood and for the times you hooked me up. You're a good guy. C. Levenson, but I don't ever want to see you again.

Chris and Steve, thanks for not killing me rat year. Matt, John—thank you for a great time in Bolivia and for not killing me in Uyuni. We're going to take Marc to Buenos. To Mark—you were hilarious. To John, you were hoot—get drunk. To roomies Dutch, Bill, Doc, and the Sp. Absentee—the incubus, the succubus, the succubus! To the rats: take care of each other and make sure each other get through here. Eric, you're a punk, you're a damn good rat, too. Carry the tradition. Go Dawgs! Kyle. To Jon, Rob, Dan on the Pole—I love yall and thanks for hooking me up so many times—yall are brothers. Hopefully liberal Courts and four-star generals won't completely sell our hellhole or I'll see everyone in twenty or so, I guess. C. Willing. Good luck everyone, and stay strong.



2003: Pat Dowd, Pat Scribner  
2009: Pat Dowd, Pat Scribner



2003: AJ Schmaus  
2009: Lee Hsinsheng, Ross Ramsay



2003: Pat Atchinson  
2009: Eric Garmon, Eric J...



**John J. Langowsky**  
Radford, VA

*Air Force - Psychology*



**Brian T. Lennon**  
Nashville, TN

*Navy- Mechanical Engineering*



**Charles B. Lindsey, Jr.**  
Alexandria, VA

*Air Force - Civil Engineering*  
"Burgess, Burg"

must start off by apologizing to my  
ers of '05 for not graduating with you  
there was nothing I wanted more  
to finish out and to leave this hell with  
me group of guys I started it with.  
want to thank all those people who  
tuck by me and made me finish what  
started. I have tripped and stumbled  
times in my life then I care to  
number, but with the support I have had  
become a college graduate. Though  
this school wasn't the place for me,  
to stick with it and I do thank all who  
pushed me on. If you are reading this,  
you must be one of my friends or loved  
to I would like to personally thank you  
being there.

To all my drinking buddies, Caveman,  
very Bodie ever made, Sambo,  
Asian Henry; Heese bird, Leacock,  
Adam, Petty and to all those who  
helped me toast to better times; I will  
to the future in your names:  
Dad, Mom, Elizabeth, Sabrina, and  
pokesy, thank you for always caring  
orrying and showing your love.

is free as a bird now, and this bird you  
not change"

Roommates: How are you going to  
live without me? Seriously....how?

Chris: Thanks for always making me  
laugh, either at you or with you.  
Mike: You are a good man, and I  
appreciate your sense of humor and your  
friendship.

Niels: Remember to always try to be  
positive, even after you leave VML. Keep up  
your hard work, and always treat others the  
way that you want to be treated. All the rest  
will take care of itself. You've been a great  
rat. I'm very proud of you.

BRs: You guys have been great! I  
value my friendships with all of you, and I  
wish you all the best, but remember this:  
Jesus shed his last drop of blood for you.  
He literally loved you more than he loved  
his own life. Why? Because He created you  
and you are His child. He loves us the way  
our parents were supposed to, but even  
better than that. He doesn't want you to  
follow a bunch of rules to make him happy.  
He just wants to be loved in return, and  
for us to love each other in the same way.  
That's it. I just hope that I have shown this  
love to all of you for the past four years.

What an experience. I can't begin  
to describe what a great time these four  
years have been with the best friends I've  
ever had. Thanks to everyone who helped  
me along the way, I definitely couldn't  
have done it without you (lan). To all the  
CEs, you guys have been awesome and I  
never thought I could have such a good  
time studying wastewater. But then again  
you probably already "knooow thiiiiis."

To all the roommates I've had, it was  
a good time, thanks for putting up with me.  
And sorry I never roomed with anyone more  
than one year in a row.... I'm proud of you  
rats (all of S-15). Be cool, stay in school, and  
don't do anything I wouldn't do. Thank  
you for everything Mom, Dad, Christy, and  
Zachary. I love you.



2002: Tony Franklin  
2008: Josh Wilson



2003: Thomas Bliss  
2009: Niels Madsen

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 1<sup>st</sup> semester rat year;  
College Republicans 4, 1; Sprint Football 2; Racquetball  
1; Air Force Marathon 2, 1; CE Playboys 3, 2, 1



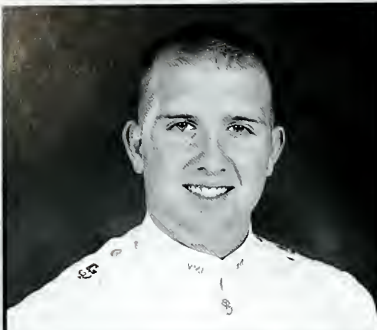
2003: Nick Foster, Mike DeMayo  
2009: Christian Bedger, Chris Cole





**Colleen M. Logan**  
Fredericksburg, VA

*Air Force - English*



**Jason M. Long**  
Cary, NC

*Marine Corps - Intl Studies/ Spanish*



**Ryan J. Loucks**  
Stafford, VA

*Air Force - International Studies  
"Louxmachine, Louxmoneymillie  
Reine Louxhoff"*

Making it through VMI has been one of my greatest achievements, and I couldn't have done it without the love and support of my Mom and Dad. Thank you both for all the time and effort you put into me over the past four years. Thank you for never giving up on me and not allowing me to quit during the ratline. I love you both so much. I also want to thank Josh. You are my inspiration and my hero. Thank you for never letting me down and showing me that love really does exist. I am grateful for all you have done for me and all you continue to do. Together we make a great team. I love you. To my rats: never do anything you don't want to do. Life is too short to be unhappy.

Like many things in my VMI career, I am getting to this last minute, but as always with style (and a healthy dose of BSI!). What a four years it has been, and how it has changed me. I came in with such high expectations for myself, and though I didn't reach many of those initial goals, I instead followed a unique path that I believe has made me a better and more capable person. Despite my constant "critiquing" of this place, I still believe it is the best school to train and educate young men and women, and I know it has accomplished that mission with me.

Jon, Chuck and Sean: you guys have made it an awesome ride, with our crazy discussions and arguments in the room, we made it through this forsaken place in one piece. Tagg, you may be half-speed, but you've been a good Rat and done your part to carry on the dykeline and VMI traditions that your dykes and I taught you. To the paper, uphold the standards and make it a great 100<sup>th</sup> year. I can't say that I won't miss this place. Thanks to my parents and family for supporting me for four years, and thank you Stephanie for being with me all the way, I love you. I'm outta here!

Well it's been a long tough four years, and I could not have done it without you guys... my Brother Rats. Whenever I needed someone to talk to or comfort me or just a buddy to go uptown and the palms, you guys were always there. My roommates, J Frizzle, Lefty, Mundt, of course Nasty Nate, I'm gonna miss you guys. Thanks for all the good times and of luck to you. I'll look forward to when we meet again. Nate stay out of trouble. I'm gonna need a good wingman or a rat. To my rat Sean, congratulations on finishing your first year but this is just the beginning. You've learned so much and I hope you will use it to help you excel in such an unforgiving environment.

To those I leave behind, if this is the one thing I've learned here it's that in life you will never be able to change no matter how hard you try. Your true test of character will be how you deal with the things you can't change. However, never accept defeat nor a double standard. This school was founded on the principle of true cadet leadership, either keep it that way or lose the values forged by generations of cadets before you.

Concert Band 4; Swim team 3; English Society 3;  
Academic Mentor 2; College Republicans 2

Activities: The Cadet 2; The Cadet EIC 1; Color  
Guard 3,2; Reg Tool 3,2,1; Voice of the Corps 2,1;  
Post Tour Guide 2

Ranger Company 3; Strength and Fitness  
Arnold Air Society 2; Rat Challenge 1



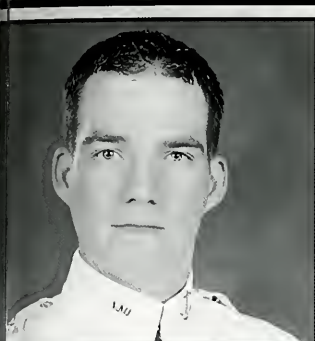
2003: Matthew Kluk  
2009: Sara Hansen, Julian O'Hara



2003: Jeremy Ongley  
2009: Jackson Karow, John Tagg

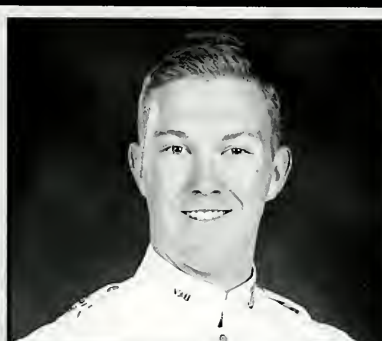


2003: John Noonan  
2009: Sean Peterson



**Mark C. Loyd**  
Richmond, VA

*Navy - History*



**Philip O. Lundberg**  
Tiburon, CA

*Navy - International Studies/Arabic*  
"Philthy"



**Robert S. Lydon**  
Fairfax, VA

*Air Force - Mechanical Engineering*  
"Rob"

To my roommates and adopted  
of 2006, Godspeed in your future  
adventures. Gabby and Andrew; what  
can you two have been amazing  
roommates. I could not have asked for  
better. Keep the sarcasm alive. To my rats:  
thanks for causing me to go broke  
buying you dip all the time...J/K. You  
are great rats and I wish you the best in  
years to come. Adam, keep up the  
grades and get yourself a Woman.  
Stop spazzing, you'll be fine. I wish  
you the best of luck in your Army  
years.

to become a man of success but  
try to become a man of value."  
Einstein

There is no possible way that I could  
have asked for a better group of Dudes to  
be surrounded by for the past four years. I  
have had so much fun and learned so much  
from each of you.

My mom and dad definitely deserve  
recognition for loving and helping me while  
still putting up with all of my B.S. over the  
years. The rest of my extended family also  
deserves the same thanks because your love  
and support has always been unwavering  
throughout all of my endeavors.

To my Rats I want to tell you to never  
give up on your dreams. When somebody  
tells you that it can't be done show them  
that was the worst statement they have  
ever made. Drive on harder and fight until  
you reach what you are seeking and then  
accomplish something even greater.

Jon, Guapo, Mike, Woody, Justin,  
Rob, Mark we have proven time and time  
again that there is nothing that we wouldn't  
do for each other. From standing up for  
one another during post Rat Riot arson  
investigations to traveling the world together  
and always being there no matter what the  
situation. What we have developed here will  
last for the rest of our lives no matter where  
we are or what we are doing because we  
never let each other down.

The backbone of VMI lies in the  
irrepressible bonds that are the mark of true  
brothers, bonds us Dudes have created here  
that will never be broken.

The only good thing to come out of  
VMI, is your friends, so to them I toast:  
Here's to the countless weekends we don't  
remember.

Here's to The Goblet that put  
a hurting on us during many of those  
weekends.

Here's to 40s Sundays that  
should've been spent doing work.

Here's to the memories: drunken  
wrestling that led to many trips to the  
hospital, fun times with boxed wine without  
the box, keg tossing, Eric's rejection at UVA,  
Skeletor and Michelin Man (way to go Phil),  
the mysterious fight that no one remembers  
that led to a trip to the hospital....and  
jail, John's quota (I'm sure that rash will  
clear up), Jonny's night spent passed out  
on a curb outside a frat house, all of the  
sweet fades, Mike's obsession with obese  
girls, Mark's close call on the docks in the  
Bahamas, Boyd always getting lost in the  
shadows, antagonizing Carney because  
that's what's up, bang bus parts uno and  
deux, crazy times at Barney's Place, all the  
bad decisions that seemed so good at the  
time....

.....but most important of all, Here's to  
the DUDES

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Varsity Swimming, Trident Society, Model  
Arab League, Rat Challenge

Rugby 3,2,1



2002: Eric Baines  
2009: Taylor Farley



2003: Vince LaPietra  
2009: Alex Kelly



2003: Garth Best  
2009: Matt Fahy





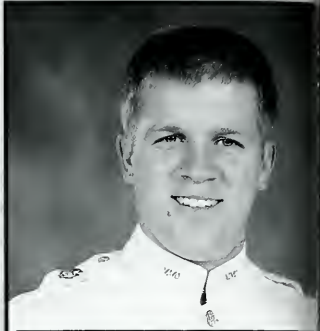
**Kyle D. Lynch**  
Rocky Mount, VA

*Marine Corps - Civil Engineering*  
"Lynchburg, Lynch-mob"



**Lezshell A. Mackall**  
Baltimore, MD

*Air Force - Psychology*  
"Shelly"



**Kyle F. Madden**  
Carrollton, VA

*Air Force - Civil Engineering*  
"MAD DOG!"

I came to VMI looking for a challenge that was different from anything that is offered at other schools and I definitely believe that I have found it. Although it has been hard, I would not trade this experience for anything. To all the Johns, Joes, Kyles, Tims, Nicks, and other CE playboys: you guys made me look forward to the never ending all nighters as thirds and seconds. Without all of you I would never have survived CE.

To Hardcore Alpha: I will never forget getting flamed by Tucan Joe with all of you, or working with you on cadre. To my roommates: You have all been like my brothers. Ed, you are one of the funniest, wildest people I have ever met, finish up. Brian, you are one of the craziest, I am anxious to hear about what you do after VMI. Plachta, stand tall and don't take any trash from anybody, you are a VMI man. Kirk, I am proud to say we have been roommates for these past four years, good luck in the Army. To my grandparents, parents, siblings, and Erin: you all gave the support I needed back home to stay here and work hard. To the rest of my Brother Rats, I can easily say that I have never met a better crowd than all of you.

I can't say that I will miss VMI as a whole, but I will take certain aspects of this experience with me. I thank my parents and friends for the support and love not just for the past 4 years, but eternally. With the loyalty, understanding, love, and commitment I have acquired, there will be no challenge too hard. From knowing the value of hard work, pain and stress I have endured these essential aspects will allow me to make it through. Those people who have touched my life and my heart in these past 4 years (you know who you are), will be remembered and I love ya! To all of those who doubted me and exhibited their acts of negativity, remember a man or woman's character and attitude will determine his or her future and destiny. I am and will always be a woman phenomenally. Phenomenal WOMAN, yeah that's ME!

- Shelly

Although the last four years have been extremely tough, my overall experience has been, in the words of Smitty, "an awesome time!" I'm crazy in saying that I have faced and overcome some of the hardest times of my life on my tenure at this place but I would be a fool to say that I would not miss it. The best part about VMI is not the classes, formations, or the parades: it is the people. To my '06 boys, ya'll are some of the people I'll ever know and I'll never forget any of you. How can I not miss Mad with YOU?! Cha! Mom and Dad, thank you for making my journey through VMI possible. Ya'll have supported me in every way imaginable and influenced me towards success and I couldn't be more appreciative.

Roomies, I wouldn't have traded you boys for anything. Joey and Tim, da bah, the last two years together have been awesome. Cody, I've miss ya. Doodoo, you never ceased to make me smile. I love all of you. Rats, just remember right and things will be right. Stay, it cause believe me, it's worth it and I see that one day. Swim team and Cadet the last two years have been great! Hard, come out wet! Peath out, mm

9th Corporal 3; Ranger Company 3; 1st Plt Sgt 2; Insomniac 2; 1st plt Lt 1; strength and fitness 1



2003: Josh Bandy  
2009: Michael Haden, Brian Steel



2003: Alicia Williams  
2009: Marissa Facey, Shannon Sellers



2003: Kyle Padgett  
2009: Bridger Hodsden



**William H. Maddox IV**  
Charlottesville, VA

Force - Electrical Engineering



**Jason T. Major**  
Virginia Beach, VA

Navy - Biology  
"Mage"



**Michael E. Maleski, Jr.**  
Virginia Beach, VA

Air Force - Psychology  
"Moe, Ski, Dotcom"

The way I feel about this place isn't the same as the way I felt when I got here. Many things have changed, not only in the Institute, but in the place that I once loved is no more, the person who loved this place. Rat was fun, exciting and somewhat relaxing, but then third class year came and I started noticing the many faults in the presumed Utopia had.

My belief in the GC slowly faded as I saw the administration take away from the Corps. Then, second year and ring figure came and went like an eye, and I figured out who the ends were. By the end of second class already hated VMI and all I could think about was getting out of here. Now, my last year, I struggle to leave what I should be my legacy. However, there are certain individuals in this place who restored my last faith in this place. These people, whom I'm going to miss, I wish the best of luck in your lives. Thank you for making this place a little more enjoyable in the final days of my cadetship. Thanks to Chris, Jose and Alex good luck in the next 3 years and to the rest of my friends, well the party starts now.

Over the past four years, I have seen the good and the bad. First, I would like to start with the bad. It's amazing how people hide behind the walls of VMI and abuse their authority. Seeing the same people on the stoops everyday harassing the rats, amazes me. I guess it makes people feel better inside, I don't know. Another thing I don't understand is how people hate on the athletic teams. For those people who don't know, a three hour practice is a lot harder than a 45 minute practice parade or PW. Athletes here have it harder.

I would like to add that VMI is full of double standards and the punishments here are partial. I would also like to thank CTT for wasting countless hours of my life, it's been a pleasure. On the other hand, VMI does have a good side. I have had the opportunity to meet some great people. I would especially like to thank my roommates. I can count on you guys for anything. From the all-nighters to online poker, it's been a blast. We are definitely different from the rest. Dan, Jack, Steel, it's been great and I'm going to miss you guys. To all of my buddies, I will miss you too and thanks for everything.

The last 4 years I'm amazed by all the trials and tribulations I have faced. Hard times and memorable moments define my experiences at the "I." I would like to first thank Coach McCombs for giving me the opportunity to continue my athletic career. You gave me the inspiration to continue at VMI.

Next I would like to thank my family. Grandma you are the mother I never had. You have been there since day one! Donna you are amazing, you keep the most important person in my life happy, thank you. Father you are my true inspiration, you are the most influential person in my life. I wouldn't be the person I am today without you. To my family, I LOVE YOU MORE THAN WORDS CAN DESCRIBE.

Jonathan, you are my older brother I never had. I wish I could be more like you. The drive you have to excel is none that I have experienced before. Thank you for being there. You are my BROTHER!!

Braxton Good, the quiet one in the room, when you spoke you brightened up the room!! Thank you for being the guy who never gave up and had his own opinion on everything. You always gave it your all. Thank you for being there for me!

Occer 4, 3, 2, 1; Sprint Football 1



2003: Joe Darin  
2009: Christopher Johnston



2003: Brent Barth  
2009: Wes Lokey, Joe Taylor



2003: Ron Vaughns, Kevin Solomon  
2009: Brandon Burn





**Tadas Mankevicius**  
Kaunas, Lithuania

*Air Force - Economics*  
"Lithuanian, Big Fella, T-Man"



**Christopher M. Marr**  
Delmar, MD

*Air Force - Mathematics*



**Robert O. Mason**  
Gastonia, NC

*Army - Economics*

Finally,

It is the time to sit down and write my testimonial. wow... I don't even know what to say... I mean, I have read so many of them over the last three years, dreaming about the time when I will be reading my own one in the Bomb... but now it is hard to put my thoughts on the paper...

These four years have been hard for me here at vmi. I had to manage to play basketball and do many other things at the same time, just like all of us. During the ratline I always thought that after the breakout the rest of vmi is easy. However, soon after breakout, I realized that ratline was the easy part and the real vmi experience had just begun...

I put out in the classroom and on the court, I tried to be a good example for everyone else. I was looking ahead to the future to make sure that by the time I graduate, I would have options... I think I achieved this goal... I am a graduating senior...

I would like to get to know more of my brother rats better. I would like to keep in touch with several of you after VMI as well. I truly believe that the stuff we went through together has bonded us for the future even though it might not seem this way right now...

I wish each and every one of you to be successful in anything you do...

...proud to be '06...

T A D A S

"Go on, get out. Last words are for fools who haven't said enough."

- Karl Marx, dying words to his housekeeper

After graduating as officers we were ready to shed our blood in defence of regimental honour, and as for true heroism hardly any one of us knew what that was and even if anyone had discovered it it was he himself would have been too proud to ridicule it. Drunkenness, rowdiness, bravado were almost something to be proud of. I can't say that we were virtuous, all those young people were good, but they behaved badly, and I was the worst of all.

-Fyodor Dostoevsky

Basketball 4,3,2,1; CIG; Economics and Business student advisory board

Bomb Staff 3; Marathon 3; Rugby 2,1



2002 Mark Carr  
2003 Holmes



2003: Tom Bliss



2003: Robert McClean



**Nolan J. Maxwell**  
Santa Maria, CA

Army - International Studies  
"Max"



**Jonathan E. Mayhew**  
Collinsville, VA

Marine Corps - Psychology



**Nicholas J. Mazzenga**  
Dumfries, VA

Marine Corps - Civil Engineering

It's always been frustrating to try and explain what VMI is to someone who hasn't experienced it for himself. But in the end, most of us who suffered through it will truly find something that we can call home. It's been my pleasure to gut it out with everyone in the class of 2006. Now, I hardly believe these four crazy years are coming to a close. The months were like the years flew by. It was definitely a year marked by extreme pride and achievement. Sure we all "missed out" on the college experience, but considering we have gained in the end, I wouldn't regret this a loss at all. Why settle for less than every other college student in the world is doing?

Looking back on the experiences shared with the friends I've made, I can't have it any other way. I can't say how thankful I am to my friends, home, my family, and my brother rats were there for me every step of the way. I could not have done it without your support. Members of the class of 2009, it's time to make the Institute proud.

Mayhew "the Boy", who can forget moving into our rat room, introducing ourselves to the roommates, and hearing this southerner open his mouth. From that moment on Mayhew, you officially became the "room southerner." Thanks for never letting us forget that. From the day we met, we understood that there was a serious language barrier that we had to break.

Once we got through the first three weeks, and we could finally begin to understand what you were saying, we realized that you would be one of our closest BRs for the next 4 years. Through the tailgating, the pulling tabs at AmVets, the long nights watching The Outlaw Jose Wales with Larry, all the way to the racetrack; it has been a true privilege to share our cadetship with you. You have worked hard to become a part of the Marine Corps, and there is no doubt in our minds that you will succeed. We are sure that your strong character and dedication will inspire Marines wherever you go. While you may never be a VMI color sergeant again, you will be an outstanding Lt. 439, 339, 239, C-28...Holla.

I can't express my sincere appreciation to my parents and sister for their constant love, support, and motivation throughout my time here. George, stay focused and keep up the hard work.

"...but something is holding me back. Maybe it's the fact that I don't have you guys here to take out her ugly friends. I am Wingman-less. I need someone who respects the pick-up abilities of a digital camera. Where have all the Bud Light Lovers Gone? I need guys who understand the power of the "Hey, I'm from Alabama" pick up line. Geography lesson: Everyone here is from Alabama, my line is dead. I wake my roommate up at 6:55 screaming, "We're late for BRC" and he screams back at me. I'm just trying to make his life easier, he doesn't understand the pain of the PTs I'm about to be making him march. In truth, all is well, but no one here really gets where I'm coming from. I try to tell them about the last two years but it's pointless. The times of the 357 and 257 can only live on in memory now; it's either that or in my first novella, I haven't yet decided. What awesome characters you all would make..."

The following is an excerpt from a book my roommate wrote after he left VMI; truth being all cadets complain about VMI but in reality you don't realize what you're missing until you're actually gone. Also I wouldn't have made it through this place without the most supportive parents I could ever ask for. Mom and Dad you have always been there for me, thank you for everything. And to my friends/roommates, Kyle, Greg Shawn and Phil thank you guys for all the memories.

F-TROOP: 4,3,2,1; Rat Olympic Champs: 4; Blood Drive Committee: 4,3,2,1; Racquetball Club: 1

XC: 1 2 3 4; Indoor and Outdoor Track: 1 2 3 4; Bravo 3rd Plt. Sgt 2; 1st Batt. S-6 Lt. 1; CE Playboys 1, 2



2003: Adam Monteleone  
2009: Chase Nelson

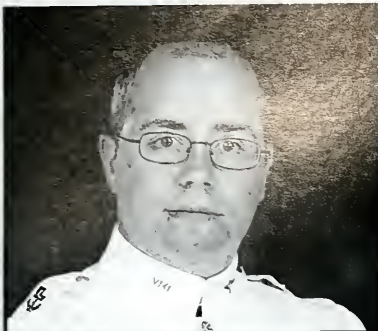


2003: Doug Warner  
2009: George Handler



2003: Alia Hammad  
2009: Ryan Biggs





**Barry L. McCord**  
Louisville, KY

*Air Force - Chemistry*  
"Old Man"



**Brian M. McGill**  
Pittsburgh, PA

*Air Force - Mechanical Engineering*  
"Sméagol"



**Matthew J. McGonegle**  
Virginia Beach, VA

*Air Force - International Studies*  
"Pint, M Furious"

Looking back on my years at the Institute, I cannot remember too many single events. I remember meeting your cadre, meeting my dyke, and then everything to breakout is a blur. Breakout, the happiest and most painful day of my life, I could repeat that day for all eternity and be happy. Third class year was a blur; I vaguely remember making rats cry and getting horrible grades. Second class year was wonderful, better grades, perfect roommates (who graduated early, the little SOB's), and Ring Figure! Ah, Ring Figure, even though I should not remember anything from that week, I remember it all, and all of it is good. Then there was first class year. Even though I was to be a Fifth Yearman, yes fifth yearMAN not fifth yearcadet, I checked out in October (and my grades went through the roof!) So as I go off to do what alumni do best, I leave you with my life's philosophy: Question Everything, Regret Nothing!

Today we salute you! The First Class PRIVATES of 2006! You have finally completed your degree a year short of the average college student. You did this while "paying attention" to detail", doing only what is required of you... nothing more. You have the makings of a General or a CEO because of the skills you've acquired:

You understand leadership and risk management better than any ranker in the corps and don't need the flashy chevrons to prove it. This is simply because of your flawless record of covert operations to W&L parties and return to Post seconds before TAPS. You look your best in stealth dyke as you are a master of disguise.

You also know the meaning of courage. Looking past your successful capture of opposing team flags Rat year... you've won the hearts of commanding officers' daughters and upperclassmen's dates at hops. That takes balls.

You respect others though they may not share your opinions and drink responsibly. You practice "toleration" while discussing politics with opinionated students at City Subs as well as with Post Police Officers when questioned about your handle of Aristocrat. You're a pro at understanding differences, in fact you've gotten several permits approved based on your own "special circumstances".

So bottoms up PRIVATE! Thank you for all the entertainment while pushing yourself through this hell too! The camaraderie we've made is priceless; we're the richest men with the biggest rings alive!

God Bless all the 2006 PRIVATES that make life just a little more bearable. Hooah!

Matt McGonegle or is it McNonegle, or McGoonaale. So many names have been used to describe a man in his search for greatness. He came to VMI four years ago and was thrust deep into the club that is Mocha Delta, a club he wanted no part of, that didn't slow Matt, he blast into 3rd year like all policy makers do, and found himself marching PT's for four months. Nevertheless, young Matt prevailed and that spring made his maiden voyage to "The Beach," a place that would come to know the antics of Matt during the night. 2nd Class year was lost to Mocha house, a place where we were always invited, even when we weren't. McGonegle showcased his soccer skills with a key, proved that he could catch darts with bare hands.

But above all else, Matt was a TEAMMATE. Excelling on the field for years, Matt's devotion to VMI football can be compared to none, and his true love for the game will not be forgotten. McGonegle for always being there for us, whether it's cracking a smile, or cracking open a cold one, Matt we could not have you without you. Godspeed in the future, you will be successful with whatever you do, thanks for your friendship, it means more than anything. Strength and Honor!

ACS 4, 3, 2, 1; NCMT 3; Band 4,3,2,1

Club Lacrosse

Football 4,3,2,1 Big Red Club 1; Coaches The Sinks Crew 1



01: Ebonu McElroy 05: Nicole Kramer  
2009: John Taylor, Clayton Willig



2003: Adam Holloway  
2009: Scott Shappe, Barrett White



2003: David Tavenner  
2009: Benjamin Kyser



**Robert J. McGraw**  
Salem, VA

*Navy - History*



**David F. Mercera**  
Las Vegas, NV

*Marine Corps - History*



**Steven R. Mercer**  
Paramus, NJ

*Navy - Mechanical Engineering*

Bobby McGraw was born in the eye of category 22 hurricane, his father was a pirate mother was Jitara from the Thundercats. Being washed ashore he scouted a prison in Australia, overran its perimeter and been in charge. In his time between badgers barehanded and showing blue who's boss, he enjoys hanging out with in Davis, switching the traditions of well holidays (trick-or-treating on Valentine's and manipulating objects with his mind.

Bobby McGraw has never had to say : or thank you, but if he ever did your head explode from pure amazement

One time Bobby McGraw was eating er and some guy dropped his spoon, so killed the entire town

My friend Mark said that he saw Bobby w totally uppercut some kid just because ned a window

Bobby McGraw invented the flux for thus enabling time travel

Bobby McGraw knows what lies at the rainbow but will never tell you

Bobby McGraw came to VMI from because he was tired of playing in the v of Michael Vick. Upon matriculation decided to give up his sought after to fit in with his Brother Rats

Bobby McGraw is the monster under ed

Bobby McGraw had a cameo in Impact." He can be seen riding the rave about to destroy mankind, grinning se his master plan had finally come to

-Matt Oliver

Hailing from the dry, sun-scorched land of Las Vegas, Nevada, David F. Mercera faced many challenges at VMI. From the harsh sub-70 degree autumns, to the straining of the Ratline, his was a battle not easily won. Dave and his BRs fought back with fire. Through this habit he and Cadet Miner began a tradition of always getting boned for the same things. Things like "Destruction of Institute Property," being improperly dressed at the VMI/Navy Football game, and shaving their roommate's head. Despite being held in contempt by the commandant's office, Dave rose from the ashes of a blacklisted third class private to color sergeant and second platoon lieutenant without even applying. It has been an honor knowing and rooming with this man from Ball Bustin' Bravo. He is the best Daggone Officer I ever served under, if you disrespect him, I'll put some discipline -in yo frikin' body!- Stuart Miner

To my family and friends, my Brother Rats, and all my roommates I would like to sincerely say thank you for truly supporting me. Stu, Phil, Steve, Mike, and Nate it was fun living with you and I wish you and all of our Brother Rats the best in the future. Godspeed! Also, a special thanks to Bravo Company '06, all of my co-dykes, and a shout out to Vegas Baby!

First off, I want to start off by saying thank you to my friends, my family, and most especially my BRs. To my friends, outside of VMI, thanks for the support even though I didn't go to a normal college like you guys, you hung out with me, and gave me good times that were always great to look forward to when going home. To my family, thank you for everything. My mom and dad are the best I could ask for, always driving me to do great things and not give up in life, and I thank them so much for that. My sister and brother, you guys are awesome, always willing to take time and come down and visit me, even at the most inconvenient of times. I love all my family and I thank them each individually for being there for me from the ratline straight through to 1<sup>st</sup> class year.

And last, but definitely not least, to my BRs, my friends for life. We did it, and even through the tough times, we stood by each other through ups, Ring Figure, and downs, loss of BR. Thank you all, especially those that I came especially close with. Golf Co. forever and much love for room 103. Great year, Great room.

Little John Crew CIC 05/06'

Soccer: 1,2,3,4; Timmons-Gentry Music Society: 1,2,3,4; English Society: 1,2,3,4; Drill Team: 1,2; Aviation Club: 2,3,4; Martial Arts: 4



2003: Rob McClean



2003: Joe Darin  
2009: Matthew Glomb



2003: William Schaller  
2009: Kellen Allen





**Zachary R. Miller**  
Charlottesville, VA

*Navy - Mechanical Engineering*  
"High Life, Killer Miller, Jerry"



**Stuart A. Miner**  
Severna Park, MD

*Marine Corps - Mechanical Engineering*  
"The Boulder, World War Stu"



**Heather M. Miras**  
Kettering, OH

*Army - Chemistry*  
"Honey, Mouse, Stinky, Prince"

These last 4 years here at VMI are an incomparable chapter in my life. To describe this passing chapter of my life would be a literary undertaking that could only be done justice by volumes of agony and ecstasy that would carry little value to the passing eye or the sentimental historian. Instead, I prefer to flank right and instead drop a few grievously insufficient words of thanks mixed with several insinuations of the passing epics that routinely filled our lives of those who made the journey with me.

Mike, Greg, Jared, Collin, and Kenny - you guys taught me everything I need to know; both while you were here and after you left. Bobby, Joey, Stew, Ernie, Will, Terry, Chris and Chris - you guys were my family. The "196 Band" made the Ratline all worth it. Chris - you have been like a brother to me here these years here at VMI. I have enjoyed the time we have spent whether it was pulling an all-nighter to finish an engineering project, or one of our many adventures to another school for the weekend, which always ended up having a crazy story to it. Pat - a Monster Truck Rally will never be the same without you. Jeff - thanks for always looking out for me. Greg - thanks for always being there to listen. I would have probably never even made it to the Richmond game if it was not for you helping me with my truck. Kyle - my best memories of the summer before my senior year were when we hung out. I will not forget our friendship. Mom and Dad - thanks for everything; I could not have done it without you.

I knew I had to thrive if I wanted to get into the Academy on my second try, but once into the Ratline I wanted to stay. There is no other school in the nation that would provide this amount of camaraderie.

Stu Miner, a man related to the late Bill Miner or should I say "The Gentleman Bandit", is a tall fellow with no torso. A simple man really, who enjoys cold weather, big trucks, and getting a daily dose of PT. And I can't forget to mention his many inventions like the bow and arrows or turning his rifle into a cross bow. I will now refer to him using his nickname "The Boulder". The Boulder is called The Boulder because if you get in his way he'll roll all over you. He has been known to tear men's knees out of their sockets. But there is a softer side to The Boulder. He enjoys cookies more than anyone I know, and takes pleasure in drawing "lovely" pictures of his friends. But in all seriousness, The Boulder is an exceptional fellow and has been a great friend and roommate. God bless you Stu.

-Dave Mercera

As I reflect on my cadetship as a First Classman... yeah whatever.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5&6

Phil, Dave, and Steve-I have loved every minute of rooming with y'all, no better room than 146.

Stuart, James, Matt, Richard, Nick- y'all are awesome Rats.

BALL BUSTIN' BRAVO!

I came to VMI not knowing my family, or really knowing my friends. I found all that here. I learned my abcs be them good or bad. While at VMI I had to know my family, even though we were more than six hours apart. VMI also helped me make some of the best friendships in my life. I will always look fondly on my memories from the Institute and hope that it will be part of my life throughout the years.

I want to say "thank you" to my friends, dykes, Cliff, Allen, Will, and Shawn, because without them, I don't think I would be here today. To the friends that I know you will always be close to and always loyal. Stay strong, hang in there, and when you gets tough, you know my door will always be open for you. Jackie and Chelsea - I love you! Just kidding. Girls, keep your heads up and your minds open. Don't let them here get to you, it is really a game to win you and make you stronger. To my Mom, Darcy, I will love you always. And lastly, mother, father, I would be nothing without you. You are my light and my hope. You have been the greatest influences in my life, even though it took me 20 years to realize I love you.

Rat Challenge Cadre 2; NCMT 2; Bomb Staff 2; Newspaper Staff 3; Marathon Club 2; Softball C

Boxing 4.3.2; Clue Lacrosse 2; Sprint Football 1; Dean's List 4.3.2.1; Alpha Co. 1; 3 and Co. 4.3.2.1; W&L Concert Band 4.3.2; Commanders 4.3; W&L Jazz Ensemble 3.2; Trident Society 4.3.2.1; Super Mileage Car Comp. Design Team 3; RC Airplane Design 2

Rat Challenge; VMI Rugby; 1st Class Bible Study; The Guild; The American Ghetto Association of America; Little John Motor T; Semper Fi Society

Volleyball Club 4; American Chemical Society 1.3; Regimental S-7 Staff 2.3.4; Cadet Tutor at Elmira School 2; Navigators Bible Study 3.4; Young Dem



2003: Mike Newton  
2009: William Faulconer, Alex Oliver



2003: Kenny Stein  
2009: James Robertson, Stuart Smith



2003: Clifford Cook  
2009: Jackie Briski, Chelsea K



**Sean E. Mizzer**  
Prince Frederick, MD

Army - Economics



**Thomas C. Moncure**  
Lexington, VA

Air Force - History  
"The Clarkness, Griswold, Col. Moncure"



**Tyler W. Monger**  
Midlothian, VA

Army - Psychology  
"T-Money, T-Bone"

Soldier, not the minister  
as given us freedom of religion.

Soldier, not the reporter  
as given us freedom of the press.

Soldier, not the poet  
as given us freedom of speech.

Soldier, not the campus organizer  
as given us freedom to protest.

Soldier, not the lawyer  
as given us the right to a fair trial.

Soldier, not the politician  
as given us the right to vote.

Soldier who salutes the flag,  
serves beneath the flag,  
whose coffin is draped by the flag,  
allows the protester to burn the flag.

My 4 years at VMI have been an experience to say the least. Not always fun, but I wouldn't have wanted to go through it or anything else without the support of the family and friends I had during the entire time. The friendships I have developed here are some of the strongest I will probably ever see no matter where I end up and I'm thankful to have the privilege of knowing everyone here I do.

To the roommates...may none of us ever share a space so small that should never be meant for 5 people again. Nor will there ever again be a sexier calendar made. To the only 3 of the 454 Mafia left...motivate your dykes. To the Rats of 123, keep it up and stick together, if you mess up...just get in the corner, then carry on. The Alpha Seconds...never a dull moment around you all, hopefully I will see you all out in the world and don't let the man get you down next year. To my family, thank you all for helping me out and keeping me focused despite my best efforts to mess up, after many substandard grades and 2 totaled cars, thank you for being there. To everyone else it has been a pleasure.

Well these four years have been great. I can't believe what I have accomplished. Enough of that, I would like thank first and foremost my parents and family...I could not have done it without you. Mom, Dad, and Andrew you have been unbelievable and I swear that one day I will make it up to you.

I hope my experiences here will pay off and make the time I spent here worthwhile. Also, the time I spent here could not have been done without the friends I have accumulated along the way... To my roommates... Dan, we have been through a lot of things, and now look at us, Kevin, three years have been great living together and you have been a great roommate, Marc, you have always made me laugh and I wish you the best of luck in the upcoming year. In addition to my roommates there are a group of people who have kept me sane while here. Seth (Tough guy) thanks for all of the help at inspections, Awal, you are the definition of a good guy and I wish you luck in the HARMY, Matty McG from the Easters in Richmond until now, you have not changed a lick and I love you for it, Chris Gilliland I will never forget you decleating that guy at JMU, and helping him find his prescription.

I have met some of the best people with some of the worst. I hope that in years to come, the worst people do not take over and make VMI something it is not. My time here is done, but I hope that the people continue to stick it to the man. Daddy (Col. Levenson), keep getting after it, VMI should be grateful to have a man of your character working for them. I cannot say anything else, I am proud of myself for what I have done but I hope that VMI does not represent the actual world to come.



2003: John Bell

Rat Challenge, 3,2,1; Alpha 7th cpl.; Color Sgt.; 1st Batt XO; Ten Minute Challenge 2; Room 123 Motivator; Va Historical Society 2,1;



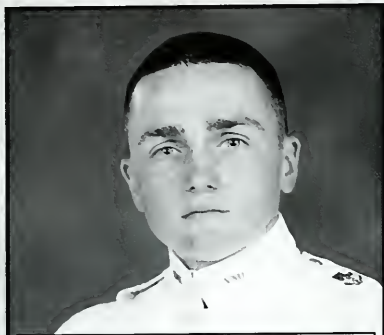
2003: Kennon Kincaid  
2009: Ryan Clark, Thomas Saunders

Rat Challenge 1,2,3; Club Basketball 1; Philosophy Club 1; College Republicans 1,2; Big Red Club 1,2



2003: Kennon Kincaid  
2009: Ryan Clark, Thomas Saunders





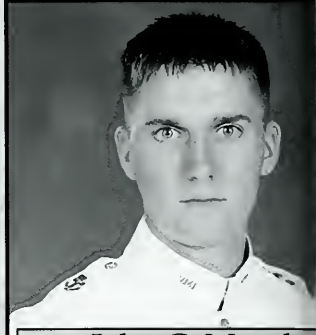
**Sean P. Moran**  
Virginia Beach, VA

*Navy - Computer Science*  
"Momo, the Luv Munkey"



**Michael B. Morris**  
Lincoln, AR

*Army - Biology*  
"Lefty"



**John G. Mundt**  
Lockport, IL

*Army - History*

Bltching: a skill that is honed to an art form here. And yes, I could spend my testimonial complaining about people not doing their job or the three P's, but I won't. And that rat hiding in the library, the only person to read this, will thank me.

So, the remainder shall be à la "Budweiser Real Men of Genius". Today we salute you, '06 Band kid. Because no matter how socially awkward or fond of indescribable catch phrases (2 Ohhhh) or assclownery, you always proved to be the best guys in barracks. And we salute you Mr. and Mrs. Family of a poor depressed keydet family, guy. Without your lust for overpriced bookstore goods, and fondness of a UPS sealed box of cookies, no cadet could survive. And here's to you, put up with weird socially inept cadet, girlfriend, love of my life Crystal Partain, girl. Without your constant devotion and ability to overlook conversations flooded with dykes, bones, and raped ducks, I would have competed in the 4<sup>th</sup> stoop swan dive. Finally, we salute you Mr. God ruler of heaven and earth guy. Without your sense of humor in creating such jackasses, as myself, and your even further comedy of getting me through this place, I would be nothing. Thank you for the honor, and I think I'm ready for my next trip.

Knowing what I know now, would I come to VMI? Would I leave walking the Ratline for beer and boobs? Would I enjoy missing classes? Special Reports? Parades? Mandatory formations on the track? Would I miss the sound of Seconds and Thirds pushing Rats on the stoops? The uniforms for normal clothes? Running back from the Palms or Hunans to make it back to my room before Taps? To only get to party at other colleges a certain number of times each semester? Would I miss hearing Christmas Carols being played after Taps during the month of December? Or studying by the Christmas Lights me and my roommates hung up in the room? Would I trade the day I got my class ring and diploma to go to JMU or UVA? Would I leave all of what VMI represents for a different life knowing what I know now?

How could I? Yeah this place sucks. Well, it more than sucks, but I won't go there. I have made some of my greatest memories here. Some are good and others are bad. But the bad ones are already beginning to fade away (I think I have Alzheimer's). The only reason I would ever come back is for my Brother Rats. John, Josh, Nate, and Ryan thanks for the time of my life. To my Rats, see you in three years.

My roommates have made the past four years fly by. Lefty, Freeman, Brad, and Loucks, you guys are what the whole brother rat spirit thing is supposed to be about. Whether it's staggering back to barracks after a drink or two of that "skunk water" or screwing with whoever (Loucks) passes out first, it's been real.

I think the thing that pisses me off most about this place is the respect that you get from people when you tell them about it: "Well, it builds character. Character you say? I guess that's what you can call it. All the "character building" goes down here is the stuff that you talk about. All those days of Rat Challenge that went on well past the time our legs were supposed to have us back: climbing past the authorized 30 + 9: climbing through a trench of ice water and then up an "unceremonious mud hill": character. 45 minute long parades "majestic dyke": pointless. Haydowns occur less than our commanding officer's visits to barracks or the mess hall: a waste of the face.

Anywho, to all my friends in the world, you guys are the greatest. To all that remain: enjoy it. It sucks, but like the rest of life, it's fun in its own sick, twisted way.

Ranger Company 3,2; Endurance Club 1;  
Racquetball Club 1; Basketball Club 2



2003: David Jackson  
2009: Trevor Stanco

Rat Challenge Clerk 3; Ranger Company  
Rat Challenge NCOIC 2; 1st Bn S-2 Sgt 2;  
Challenge CIC 1; Cadet Battery 1



2003: Joe Ziadeh  
2009: Sean Peterson, Alex Smith



2003: Kyle Padgett  
2009: Matt Bradley, Jeremy Gibbs



**Cornelius F. Murray**  
Tully, NY

Army - Psychology  
"Frank, Seabass"



**Jonathan C. Nagle**  
Annapolis, MD

Army - International Studies



**Thomas W. Nance**  
Richmond, VA

Marine Corps - Intl. Studies/Arabic

Contrary to much popular belief, us is not gay. Despite the countless is of him being the big spoon, or even spoon in some instances this year, confirm that in fact he is not batting both the left and right side of the plate. out with him on the weekend and in action. Nothing can get in his e is on his way to being knighted as a ut for now we will just talk about him g the Man and the Legend. The Man on the mat, thrashing ents and tossing weight with illed might, Cornelius wrestles. pend of the Flatulent – and on one on the lighter of one. The Legend for ing the habanera pepper right from den, and the Bud's right from the e can not be stopped. The in-house ckey, the tenor or the bass, whichever ssary. The man who used to pee ts just to be cool. This guy favors al pies, muffins and gin; he arguably e of the worlds most unseen talents – the shake face. And yet these y a handful of the things that make rnelius, the man, the myth, and our d room mate.

It's been a long four years, but they are finally over. I want to thank my family, my friends back home, my roommates, my girlfriend, and most importantly my BR's for helping me get to graduation. Sometimes it's really easy to get caught up in the suck of VMI and take your eye off the prize. But regardless of your rank, your demerit record, the number of PT's you marched, or the number of pushups you did, everyone comes away from VMI with one thing: Brother Rais.

I firmly believe that the people make the place, and the relationships I've built here have made VMI a positive experience. I really hope that the saying "VMI is a good place to be from" proves itself over the next few years because it is definitely "not a good place to be at" But the good memories will be the lasting ones, and I might even go as far to say that one day (decades from now) I might actually look back on my time here with some degree of affection. In conclusion, it's been real and it's been fun, but is hasn't been real fun.

Wilson was the French guy who came to VMI claiming many nationalities with the strange desire to have others shave the back of his neck. An interesting fellow with jokes that nobody thought funny, Wilson could always be found watching cartoons that were aimed at eight-year olds. An aspiring Marine and a member of the Honor Court, he had a wanton desire to burn anyone he sees. Wilson was the technological guru in the room with his "air-conditioning" fan and "silent mode" helicopters. We were always jealous of his constant flow of brand new trucks and packages from random girls. Even if you didn't know him, he knew your most intimate secrets through his late night facebook inquiries while gorging himself on sunflower seeds as his computer acted as a small sun in our room.

Wilson was an easy-going guy who got along with everyone (except midgets). He was a great roommate, a great friend, and one you could always talk to about anything.

—THE ROOMMATES

The morals that I have were not implemented through VMI, but through my parents. What I have found that is if you do not already know your beliefs then you will be in complete disarray. If my life didn't have firm foundations in Christ I would have given into the all familiar negative attitude ever-present at VMI. Christ gave me peace and gave me purpose. For Christ I am forever grateful, and to my friends at VMI, I thank you for everything.

g 4,3,2,1; A1 Club X2

Powerlifting 3,2,1; Regimental Drumline 4,3,2,1; Drum Captain 1; College Republicans 4,3,2,1; Ranger Company 3,2,1

F-Trooper 4,3,2,1; Pvt. 4,3; Color Sgt. 2; 1<sup>st</sup> Plt. Lt. 1; Bible Study Leader 4,3,2,1; THE GUILD 2,1; Honor Court 2,1; Baseball 4; JPB 4,3,2,1; Semper Fi Society 3,2; Model Arab League 3



2003: Dan Clark



2003: Brandon Naughton  
2009: Josh Kenny



2003: Jon Rios  
2009: Thomas Schlomer





**Jonas Narbutas**  
*Klaipeda, Lithuania*

*Army - Economics*



**Steel J. Nardozzi**  
*Prince George, VA*

*Air Force - Psychology*



**Andrew M. Neckman**  
*Atlanta, GA*

*Army - Economics*

What is there to say about Jonas? Jonas was the BR that was constantly looking for a way to get away from VMI for the weekend. He was always the quick tag along on any trip to JMU or Radford for just the night. Though hardly anyone knew who he was at the beginning, by the end of the night he was the new best partying bud.

The best weekend experience I remember from hanging out with Jonas was a highway trip up to DC. On the long drive up 81, Jonas started a conversation with a hot brunet between the cars. So, using my cell phone, he signaled her my phone number while traveling 75 miles per hour. She finally called and the phone relationship started. They talk for a total of 3 weeks and almost met in Radford for a real date; however it didn't workout.

After all the years I have spent with him, I have learned one thing, Jonas always gets what he puts his mind to it.

- Mike Doughton

I just want to thank everybody who helped me to come here and get by (Family, Friends, VMI People). It has been an interesting four years for all of us. Thank you for being part of my life and wish all of you best of luck!

Throughout my cadetship I have been a part of both extremely good and extremely bad situations. Although, it is hard to sit through and see certain hypocrisies within the Institute; I know that it is all worth it when I remember all of the good times that I have had with my roommates, teammates, and classmates. I will never forget the great times that I have spent with my roommates Jack, Dan, and Jason, and will truly treasure our experiences well into the future. Meeting the love of my life right next door will always make me thankful for attending the Institute as well. Reminiscing, I know the memories here, the good and the bad, would not have been created at any other school.

There's a delightful image in which explains why a sensible person to steer clear of politics. He sees everyone else rushing into the street and getting soaked in the pouring rain. He can't persuade them to go indoors and keep dry. He knows if he went out too, he'd get equally wet. So he just stays indoors himself, and, as he can't do anything about other people's stupidity, commiserates himself with the thought: 'Well, I'm on my own anyway.'

-Sir Thomas More

Basketball 4,3,2,1



2003: Mark Carr  
2009: Chavis Holmes

Defensive Tackle on the Football Team;  
Chemistry Tutor



2003: Mat Van Wie  
2009: Jake Rochester



2003: Danny Goldberg  
2009: Stephen Russell



**Nicholas C. O'Connor**  
Boca Raton, FL

Navy - Modern Languages  
"Nico, O.C., Big Nick"



**Berit L. Oftedahl**  
Issaquah, WA

Navy - Economics



**Anthony J. Oliver**  
Birmingham, AL

Army - Mathematics

Four years ago, I tried to picture what would be at the end of my time. I had goals that I set for myself to fulfill in my four years. I wanted to attain kind of person, with certain accomplishments. Now that my time is over, I realize that I am not that person. I turned out much better than I could ever imagine. I have learned more about school, its faculty, and my brother in the past four years than I did in the last eighteen. My classmates and I have accomplished more than any other students in the world. We have a brotherhood that is rivaled by no other institution.

I will never forget this school. I remember the good times, as well as the bad, regretting neither. Everything that happened here, good and bad has made me into the person I am today. I thank my friends for always being there and for the memories they have given me. I would also like to thank the officers who have shown me how to lead when I am an officer upon graduation. I would like to thank my family for their support, for without them, I would not have made it to this point in my life.

Applaud, my friends, the comedy is finished.

Four years have gone by so quickly. I am very grateful for all who have helped me along the way - my parents, my siblings, my favorite roommate, all of the supportive upperclassmen before me, Brother Rats, the faculty who went out of their way, and my favorite time-waster and his family. While I may not have left a streak of glory to mark my path, my future will be steady because of the values this Institute has solidified in me. I hope I have offered enough support as a dyke to Ashley, Allison, Sara, Jillian and Christina, and as mamma-dyke to the boys. Be tough, and just try it. The appetite comes while eating - you will find out that it is fun while doing it. Just remember to keep your chin up and your head down.

2039: *A Deo Peay, a Peay lex*

First, I'd like to thank my family, Mom, Dad, Jennifer, and Christopher. You have always been there for me. To my "other mother", Ms. Marie, No matter what it was I always knew I could count on you. To the HOMIES, Tmac, Nynja, and Anthony, it's a pleasure to have friends like you. Always remember John 15:13. Charity, you've been in my corner from the beginning. Mashonda, you and your mom have always been there when I needed someone to talk about anything.

My roommates over the years, the boys of the cell (445), Jeff, G, Brandon, Matt, Boyd, and Bryan, we've been through some times together. Some good, others bad, but they all were memorable. Brandon, don't forget "Waiting to Inhale" and "And Then There Were Two". Boyd, who ever thought that two people so different would be so tight. We'll always be "brothers", besides "Who doesn't like Oreos?" My other friends, John, Woody, John K, Mike C, Frank D, Steak, K Rosch, Stove, and Adam, it's been a blast.

To all of the guys representing VMI RFC thanks for the great wins and even better times. We did some things that no one thought we could do. Last but not least, to the rats, Mike, Derek, and Jeb, I know you all will do great things, and I'm proud of you. Much Love.

Football

Swim Team 4.3; Glee Club 4.3,2,1; Timmins-Gentry 2, 1; Theatre 4.3,2,1; Lifeguard 2; QMD 3, 1; Dance, Dance Rev. 2; Post Tour Guide 2, 1; Cadet Lutheran Rep 3, 2; VPO 1

Baseball: 4,3; Rugby: 3,2,1; Promaji: 4,3,2,1; F-Troop: 4,3,2,1



2003: Bill Sinkinson  
2009: Josef Schroeder



2003: Heidi Theule  
2009: Sarah Marks, Ashley Rohls



2003: Jeremy Harper  
2009: Derrick Leland





**Matthew J. Oliver**  
Milford, DE

*Air Force - History*  
"Fat Oliver, Tucker Maft,  
Bronson McGillicutty"



**Daniel L. Osborne**  
Tonganoxie, KS

*Air Force - Psychology*



**Mary K. Osborne**  
Roanoke, VA

*Air Force - Biology/ Spanish*

Matt Oliver is a superhero. Born September 25, 1863, to a promiscuous mermaid and Abraham Lincoln, he sprouted from a fertilized egg on Jupiter's second moon. He matured in a year, only to be labeled a freak by his father in a condemned crack house at the second annual Mardi Gras (then held in Tanzania). Dismayed, he cryogenically froze himself. Once awoken, Matt's reign of terror had no end. With a combination of tactical photon torpedoes and people's elbows, he leveled orphanages and rendered the human race infertile. He doesn't need people skills. People need Matt skills, because he can drop them faster than a coked-out hippy in the Octagon on Veteran's Day if they ogle his faithful harem.

**Facts:**

- Matt Oliver is the dirty thought in the back of your mind that you try to push away.
- Matt Oliver is a water bottle enthusiast.
- Did you see him on stage during the president's last speech? Probably not, because my mom's friend's daughter said Matt's invisible.
- He doesn't run triathlons, because he invented them.
- Matt Oliver is the only man ever to build his own artificially intelligent lawnmower out of an Arabian hookah and half of a brown pinto.
- On rainy days in July, Matt Oliver can be found kite-surfing off the western coast of Cuba wearing eighties leg-warmers and a beanie cap.
- You don't laugh at Matt Oliver. His glare of hatred will reduce you to a cloud of New Year's Eve confetti 20 years in the future.

By: Bobby McGraw

Little Lebowski Urban Achievers CIC 1,2; Boxing Manager 1; JMU Frequent Flier 1,2,3; Killian's Krew 1; Club Binge Drinking CIC 1,2,3,4



2003: Rob Osypowicz  
2009: Matthew Englehart

I would like to thank my parents and all of my classmates for helping me make it through this place. VMI was stressful to say the least, but over the past few years I have noticed the beneficial changes it has made in my life and in my interactions with others. God knows where I would have ended up if I had not chosen to come here and had the benefit of this experience. I have already begun to see what differences this past four years will make on the rest of my life. I would particularly like to thank the coaches and teammates I have had over the last four years of Boxing, which was an invaluable outlet in getting through this school; and in furthering the teamwork and leadership principles established here at VMI.

Boxing Team, 2005 NCBA All-American



2003: Garth Best  
2009: Jacob Rochester, Jordan Seymor

It's hard to believe it's done the four years my reasons for being changed. I came here not knowing to expect and I stayed because I had to. Then things changed and I stayed because I actually wanted to.

It's all because of you And weren't for VMI I would've never met you and you are the best thing that has happened to me. You made this a better place. You are the love of my life and it's yours forever. These past few years have been amazing and I am looking forward to the rest of our years together. I love you.

To my parents, you got me through the tough times and helped remind me of the good times. Thank you for all the times you came to visit and the endless support. You are the best parents ever.

To my roommates, I will miss the times together. I have embraced the art of crafting and cutting recipes out of magazines! Things I never thought I would do. I wish you guys well in everything you pursue.

Christina and Allison you guys are some of the best dancers I have ever seen. Keep it up. Never let the system get you down, and give it all you've got.

As I look back I realize how much I have been. I wouldn't change a thing.

Swimming 3; CCS 2, 1 (CIC); Glee Club



2003: James Maxey  
2009: Allison Church, Christina Smith



**Joseph L. Osuji**  
*Minneapolis, MN*

*Air Force - Psychology*



**Jordan A. Pagones**  
*Fishkills, NY*

*Army - History*  
"Gahones, Paganas, Greek,  
Pagonads, JP"



**Timothy R. Papenfuse**  
*Mechanicsville, VA*

*Marine Corps - International Studies*  
"Popenfresh, Pap, Papengeorgio,  
Pappy, Papa"

els now are ended. These our actors,  
old you, were all spirits, and  
ed into air, into thin air:  
the baseless fabric of this vision,  
d-capp'd towers,  
geous palaces,  
mn temples, the great globe itself,  
which it inherit, shall dissolve,  
e this insubstantial pageant faded,  
of a rack behind. We are such stuff  
ms are made on; and our little life  
ed with a sleep.  
e Tempest. Act IV, Sc. 1

When all is said and done, these  
have been the best years of my life. I have  
met my best friends that I will remember  
my whole life and I pray all of them will  
succeed and prosper in life.

Dad, it is over. I can not tell you  
how proud I am to be your son. The advice  
and guidance you have given me has  
helped me through the thickest of times  
and I will never forget it. Mom, thank you  
for always caring for me. I have always  
enjoyed getting your letters and messages.  
They have meant so much to me.

Kyle, Kyle, John and PJ, the last two  
years have been some of the best times I  
have ever had. I have enjoyed the laughs,  
arguments, and good times with all of you.  
I consider you guys my brothers and I only  
see success in your futures.

Mark, your time here is just starting,  
but it will fly by. You have made me very  
proud. I have taught you everything that I  
know. I am very proud of you and I know  
you will succeed and move on to greater  
things.

In the end, it was worth it.

Glory and Honor

Coming from the dark woods of Hanover  
County, descendant of Atilla the Hun,  
and an East German tank, Tim was the  
perpetually naked roommate. If there was  
a theme song for Tim, it would have been  
by Axl Rose and Dwight Yoakam. If you  
were not careful, you would have seen the  
gum stuck to his chair or even caught a  
glimpse of the full moon. Never has a man  
been more dependant on a cell phone.  
In fact he never finished a movie during  
his time with us because of his alter-ego  
"Terin". He was always there to help out  
with anything we needed - unless he was  
on the phone. Tim was known for phrases  
such as "Up yours Narc" and "Punch me  
in the face." Never was Tim known to quit  
something he started, and he had a work  
ethic that would make Thomas Edison look  
like The Dude Lebowski.

- Your Roommates

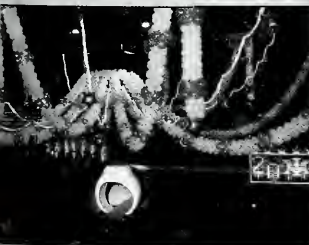
To my family, Erin, and all my  
friends, I could not have done it without  
your support and reminders of who I am  
and what I stand for. To my roommates,  
Troopers, and brothers, thank you for  
teaching me what I could never have  
learned anywhere else. To Joe, good luck,  
do your best everyday, I know you can. Hey  
ya'll, I'm outta here.

Deuteronomy 31:6

Swimming 4, Ranger Company 3, Martial Arts 2.

Corporal 3; Ranger Company 3,2; Sprint  
Football 2; Powerlifting 1; Battalion S-3 Lt. 1

Strength and Fitness 1; RDC 2,1; F-Troop 4,3,2,1; \*35,  
Batcave 4,3,2,1; German Honor Society 2,1; 2nd Cpi;  
MSGt; Company Commander; Dean's List 4,3,2,1



2003: William Diaz  
2009: Brian Beach



2003: Kyle Haire  
2009: Mark Nester



2003: John Bocek  
2009: Joe Bartol





**Geoffrey T. Parker**  
*The Colony, TX*

*Air Force - Economics*  
"Hobo, Too Tall, BAM"



**Alana N. Parks**  
*Jacksonville, FL*

*Air Force - Biology*  
"Shortbus, Parksy, Blonde Elvis,  
Dilana Parkasar"



**Steven N. Parsons**  
*Stafford, VA*

*Air Force - International Studies*  
"Nasty Nate, Premier Parsesic,  
Parsonious Maximus, Cherokee V"

As much as we like to gripe and complain about how things change here, I look back on my cadetship and realize how much things have stayed the same. I still drive my roommates crazy with my music, Echo and Alpha still can't co-habitate, and Shaun Jones is still a cadet here. These things aren't necessarily bad, they just are. VMI just is. It is the big ring I will forever wear, it is a place I will always keep in my mind, it is the past four years of my life that will follow me for the rest of it, it is a few of the most important people I've ever known.

Bru-can: Good times, man. That's how first class year is meant to be. Thank you. Curt: Hooah! We definitely have some stories to tell, and I intend to be telling them for a while. Try not to send the army the wrong way, ok? T-Dunc: It's been a great start for you, and a great finish for me, thanks bud. You and Stewwy survived the attrition, ya'll will both do well.

If anyone is looking for me after graduation, try grad school. Go to the top of the apartment complex, to the very corner unit. That's where I'll be, alone in my own corner of the world, just loving life.

Grace and Peace

First, I would like to thank my family for all they have done to ensure my life is great. You were my anchors in a world that could have floated away with just one wrong turn. I love you!

Mom, I look to you for advice, knowledge, understanding, and love. You are one of the smartest and hard working people I know. Without you, I know I would not be where I am today. Thank you for pushing me to achieve and making me experience life to the fullest. Know that you are always there for me.

Dad, you are my heart, my stubbornness, and my work ethic. I look to you for strength and courage. I think about the things that you have overcome and know that you have given me the determination to push through. Know that you are always in my mind and in my heart.

Adam, you are my source of much worry, but you are also my source of inspiration. You are full of life and energy. I am so proud of all that you have accomplished. Thank you for the fun times and the fighting. Know that you were a bright light in the dark days at the "I" and that you have helped to make me who I am today.

Lastly, I would like to thank those of you who helped me through the hard times. You know who you are. Thank you for looking at the real me and not my perception.

The end has finally come and I've got to admit that through all of hell we have put up with, it has paid to graduate from VMI. Thanks to all BR's that have been there for me when I got crazy or when I just needed someone. To my roommates Freeman, Mundi, and finally Loucks...thanks for the awesome memories! I don't think our first class could have been any better than it is. My Rats Gallagher and little Noonan, give up! VMI is going to stomp you in the ground and expect you to get right back up and forget about it. It is a true test of your character and everything you will pay off when you graduate.

To everyone behind me, stop & DON'T LET VMI TURN INTO AN ACADEMY. You know there are people that should be here, but focus on yourself, know what you worked for it. Beat the system and make it work for you and your class. What you can to give your Rats a good ratline and they'll appreciate it. Look, you are the man and I can't wait to see you as a wingman one day! I'm fine and I've never been happier!

Drill Team: 4,3,2,1; Glee Club: 4,3,2,1; Cadet Waiter: 2,1; Cadet Newspaper: 1



2003: Chryst Adams  
2003: Thomas Duncan



2003: Michelle Carillo  
2009: Becky Harris, Megan Morrison



2003: John Noonan  
2009: Evan Gallagher, Phil N

Ranger Co. 3; Marathon 3; Sprint Football; Power Lifting 1



**Michael R. Pasquale**  
South Salem, NY



**Bart F. Payne**  
Mechanicsville, VA



**Christopher R. Petree**  
Midlothian, VA

*Army - History*  
"Slut, Giggles"

*Air Force - Mechanical Engineering*  
"Barticus, B-Pizzle, Barlo, Apollo,  
The Machine, Bartsky"

*Marine Corps - Mechanical Engineering*

It has been a strenuous four years substitute but we've made it. If I do it over again, I would. I want my family, Dad, Mom, Elyse, and the support. I also want to thank my Rats for everything. We have a family, brothers through sweat and blood. Blake Faller, roommate for years, it's been an interesting time, and the dancing. Chris (Corky, W, Lance) Stone and Frank Dolberry been a great two years of being mates.

Watching Chainsaw and Corky Frank never ceased to entertain me. I forget tag, beating each other, going on Viking trips to other colleges. Maxwell it's also been a great time at the STP, never forget those trips. We'll touch in the Army. To my Rats, stay and follow through with everything. Worth the struggle.

It was also my pleasure to be the class President, definitely taught me to wish everyone the best of luck in the

Bart came to VMI with little knowledge about his major and what to expect, just like the rest of us. Unlike the rest of us, he was an excellent student athlete. His passion for swimming never faltered during his entire cadetship, and showed the same work ethic in class. If you were to look for Bart any night, you wouldn't find him in his room, instead you'd feel bad knowing that he was doing work while you were just wasting time. Despite many attempts, Bart was unable to be enticed into video game addictions. Bart often found himself depressed being here during the dark ages, not because of the cold gray that envelopes this place, but because he couldn't spend every day or weekend in the deer stand.

If you asked him what got him through this place, he would say first God, along with his friends, brothers, and of course his family. He was always able to make friends no matter what the crowd. His incredible work ethic and perseverance will take him far in life.

-Tim

Way to go VMI barbershop...I'm out.

the more you suffer, the more it shows you really care.



2003: Dermot Gavin  
2009: Alex Fisher, Brian Nilles



2003: Chris Lambert  
2009: Nathaniel Goldsmith



2003: Justin Guy  
2009: Brad Cooper





**Daniel R. Petronzio**  
Beverly, MA

*Marine Corps - History*



**William C. Pettit**  
Washington, DC

*Air Force - History*



**John A. Plachta**  
Chicago, IL

*Marine Corps - Civil Engineer  
"CockeBlachta"*

After graduating as officers we were ready to shed our blood in defence of our regimental honour, and as for true honour, hardly any one of us knew what that was, and even if anyone had discovered what it was he himself would have been the first to ridicule it. Drunkenness, rowdiness, and bravado were almost something to be proud of. I can't say that we were wicked; all those young people were good, but they behaved badly, and I was the worst of all.

-Fyodor Dostoevsky

I'm Chris Pettit. I love random songs. I'm from Washington, DC and Chevy Chase, MD. I graduated from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School in 2002. To my sister Sara (with no H) and my brother Andy, my mom Jane, my dad Bob, my stepmom Sandy, and my mom's fiancée Robert, I would like to say thank you through the beloved "Golden Girls" theme song:

"Thank you for being a friend  
Traveled down the road and back again  
Your heart is true your a pal and a  
confidant.

And if you threw a party  
Invited everyone you ever knew  
You would see the biggest gift would be  
from me

And the card attached would say thank  
you for being a friend"

To my friends from High School, because without them I probably would have had a much better GPA and a lot less fun, I'll quote Bruce "The Boss" Springsteen:

"Glory days well they'll pass you by  
Glory days in the wink of a  
young girl's eye  
Glory days, glory days"

To my friends here at VMI I would like to quote the Gilligan's Island song:

"They're here for a long, long time,  
They'll have to make the best of things,  
It's an uphill climb.  
The first mate and the Skipper too,  
Will do their very best,  
To make the others comfortable,  
In the tropic island nest."

In the journey that is life, it is sometimes necessary to pause and account the lessons and experience of the past in order to determine how it can be applied to the future. Looking back on my four years here, I can say that were the best of times and the worst times. I can't say that for all the bad was an equal amount of good, but I always be proud of the fact that I pulled through.

Mom and Dad, words can't express my gratitude for your love and support (moral and financial). Ben and Nick, you were both great rats and I will see the both of you cross the stage May 2009. To all the men and women of the class of 2006, thank you for making bearable and sometimes even enjoyable. God bless all of you and the Virginia Institute.



2003: Dennis Drinkwater  
2009: Josh Byerly



2003: Marco Midence  
2009: Dennis Habersang



2003: Peter Choi  
2009: Nick Campbell, Benjamin



**Matthew E. Plant**  
Fredericksburg, VA

*Navy - Biology*



**Hans C. Porter**  
Spotsylvania, VA

*Army - Mechanical Engineering  
"Monk"*



**Katrina D. Powell**  
Yemassee, SC

*Air Force - Psychology/English  
"Kit Kat"*

Soldier, not the minister  
is given us freedom of religion.

Soldier, not the reporter  
is given us freedom of the press.

Soldier, not the poet  
is given us freedom of speech.

Soldier, not the campus organizer  
is given us freedom to protest.

Soldier, not the lawyer  
is given us the right to a fair trial.

Soldier, not the politician  
is given us the right to vote.

Soldier who salutes the flag,  
lives beneath the flag,  
whose coffin is draped by the flag,  
allows the protester to burn the flag.

Even after 4 years of being at VMI people still ask us why we call him Monk. It started with his ability to fill his mouth with food far beyond the normal hominids. Then his grey robe that reaches to the ground and hooded his head, as well as his walk, had us coin him as The Monk. Call his house and ask for him by this name and his parents will not even miss a beat.

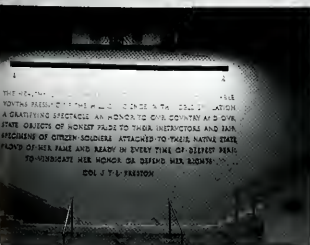
Then there was a note that he found on his desk. Explaining "Monk, took ur money so we can get some 40's, I heart you Cory." And so it began, and this was even after the message from M-Dub reading "so Monk lit off the fireworks anyway."

He is our in-house technician of technology, the proprietor of gadgetry, as well as the solid legged farm pro; our world traveler and internet explorer. Jefe to the overseas siesta of delight; this is our Monk.

I wish I had the command of the English language that Dub and Swann do, because I don't know what words would express how thankful I am for my family and my brothers always being there for me. I hope you guys know I couldn't have done it with out you. I love you so much Mommi and Cowboy you really have provided me with more than you will ever know.

Kit Kat, We are outta control girl!! All the times we went out, never knowing where we were going or where we would sleep but somehow, we always ended up somewhere, with a place to sleep and getting into clubs for free. Dancin', the Dairy Queen at JMU, "Have a good night". I never did anything without you. Whenever someone saw one of us, they knew they would see the other one...chocolate and vanilla. And girl, you know that train was never late. Hours at your sister's house, watching Divorce Court. Drivin' 110 mph down the highway to make it for Taps. Eating the New Yorker Pizza, just us two. Your cousin's house and the scary bathroom. Grubbin' hardcore at CiCi's Pizza and hittin' up Ross. Me fallin' every two feet. Most of all never forget, that I love you more than you will ever know. I am so blessed to have you in my life and I will always be here for you. No matter what happened, I always knew I could count on you to be there for me. You are a beautiful woman, inside and out. Your soul radiates and there is nothing you can not achieve. Never doubt yourself because no one doubts you. Your laughter is priceless and your smile is gorgeous. I love you Kit Kat, Amb.

Shot outs to my little sisters...Ke'tra and Nay-Nay (305's Finest), my roomies-Robyn and Heather...and of course, my rat-Corie! Love ya.



2003: Roy Perry  
2009: Andrew Hosey



2003: AJ Rickle



2003: Jennifer Dineen  
2009: Corielle Parsons





**Christopher L. Pridgen**  
Chesapeake, VA

*Marine Corps - Psychology*



**Matthew T. Pumphrey**  
Leesburg, VA

*Army - History*  
"Tripp, Pump"



**Gregory G. Quillen**  
Virginia Beach, VA

*Marine Corps - Physics*

Thanks:

Mom & Chip – for the phone calls that allowed me to "discuss" with you the many things that irritated me about this place, and you putting me back into my place when you "knew" I was wrong.

Dad & Joyce – for the endless amount of awesome meals, as well as those long trips up to OCS to get a nasty candidate away for a day on libo!

Philly – for putting up with me through these 4 long years. Without you there beside me, I don't know how I could've made it through this place.

Red & Pat – for being the best friends a guy could ever ask for. From 320 straight down to 120, you guys were always there. I look up to both of you and respect you even more. Red, your sarcasm might get you into trouble one day. Pat, your singing might get you into trouble.

**\*\*The Rats of 120\*\***

Chris, Mike, Joe, Dana – This place will have its moments when you feel like you just can't deal with it anymore and that leaving would be so much easier. Keep that end goal in sight, why you came here. You were the best Rats any Dyke could ever ask for and I know you all will do great things both here, and outside of VML.

To my BR's, Semper Fil!

Well it certainly has been a long four years and I am damn glad to be done and so is my liver. Mom and Dad thanks for putting up with me for the last twenty-two years and always supporting me in my endeavors. I would also like to thank my roommates for all the good times, and a select group of BR's who helped out on a rough Saturday night third class year (you know who you are). If it had not been for the people here I probably never would have survived. Bill thanks for moving in on short notice and being a good roommate. Freeman, Mundt, Lefty we have definitely had some wild times.

Gents of room #126, enough said, especially Brent and Farva, you're still a horrible CO, and watch out for the Hutch next time you're climbing Cyrus. Eric, remember all the good times in room #173, and 134. Spoon, you only deserve an associate's degree for the time you actually spent at VML, but you have been fun to hang with. Charlie Company in general, keep doing things differently. To all you guys still on the inside: Clint, Dan, John, and Joel, stay focused, drink more, and get to graduation. Sorry to anyone I forgot, but that's life. IT'S BEEN REAL!

First off I'd like to say thank you to all the guys from the 452. I couldn't have a better set of roommates to go through this ratline with. Also, Phil, Kyle, Nick – Thank you for being the best damn roommates ever.

So, we're nearing the end of this little escapade and to be quite honest, it's been a long process. Dealing with the first year and the transition to this place was tough, but the true challenge is preparing to us every day. Striding on through the mud of monotonous circumstances and facing with beginning slightly before and ending after long hours of sea and answers by fluorescent light. Pretty much days start to run together and before you know it life doesn't exist in terms of time, it becomes more of a collective memory of fuzzy dates that don't really seem to matter. Interestingly enough the actual events of the day determine the end of our journey. How can they fade into such mundane details when they deserve the utmost attention? Simple, once you have reached this point; the point where everything is about to disappear and emerge from this seems impossible. Life outside a tent and four eggshell walls seems absurd. It is the point at which we have gone from being just a cadet in a uniform to a man cadetting.

Bulldog 3,2; Timmins Gentry Music Society 3,2; Semper Fi Society (Pres 1) 4,3,2,1; Drill Team 3

Virginia Historical Society; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Pvt 4



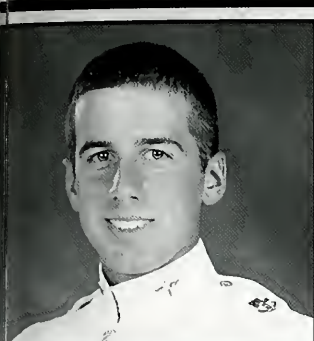
2003: Mathias Anderson  
2009: Christian Cortes



2003: Randy Harvey  
2009: Dan Elmblad

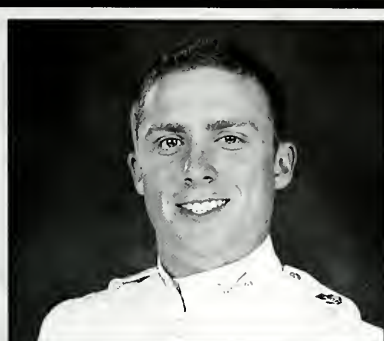


2003: Eric Figueroa  
2009: Kevin Finger



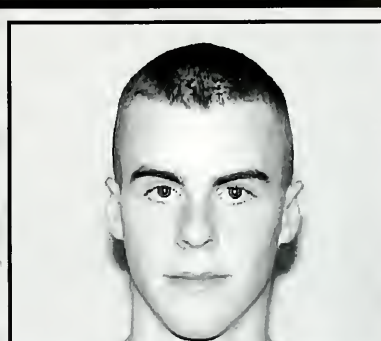
**David J. Rahl**  
Kennebunk, ME

*Air Force - History*  
"D. Rahl, D. Money"



**David O. Raser, Jr.**  
Alexandria, VA

*Army - Psychology*



**Daniel N. Regan**  
Naperville, IL

*Marine Corps - Modern Languages*

The four years here at VMI have truly been a mix of the very cliché to reminisce about STP and the very real of "it seems like yesterday" that I do. Breakout and Ring Figure are too far away. As mundane and as the lifestyle that is here; time has flown by. I'd like to thank my parents for being in all my decisions here. Mom for the e-mails and constant reminders to love. Dad- I always looked forward to letters in my mailbox. I'd also like to thank Bill Nicholson, whose daily guidance and friendship was among the very best here.

There have been too many fun times with my BR's. SS fights on the 4<sup>th</sup> stoop, drinking weekends, highlife's in barracks, the Grand Canyon! All the times on the nose- the bastard slice, spring break in Florida and London- the bow, always a drink, Doug's 21<sup>st</sup>, post exam furlough each- nothing like drinking all day and football! Summer 2005- Stoneyfoot and a...good memories.

Mike- good job this year, thanks for being an awesome rat. I know you'll do well to keep up your hard work and dedication, I'm proud of you. Brian- Keep eating those burgers. Good job this year. Next year will be tough but keep at it and you'll

I've met some very extraordinary people that I will never forget. I will most likely take the memories that I've made these past four years and cherish and remember with me long after I've crossed the

First off, I'd like to thank my family for helping me and giving me encouragement when I needed it most. Secondly, the Troop, my roommates, and my other friends, it's been great, I wouldn't trade anything for the times I've spent with you all. If I was to give a suggestion to upcoming classes, I'd say "figure it out on your own, I did". Darren, keep being the coolest computer nerd EVER. Jon, lay off Cook, you need to gain some weight too. Cliff, we miss you and we have faith you'll graduate in the next decade. Chin, stop trying to make me into a fool. CG, the SB's were awesome, thanks. Rice, you're a good rat, just stay out of trouble and you'll be in my shoes in no time.

As motley as our class is, we have held a higher amount of respect among each other than every other class we've seen come through barracks. We are better than everyone else, accept it. DAVE RASER, OUT.

Throughout the last four years I've learned a bit about myself and other people. Having studied abroad twice, I was afforded the rare opportunity as a cadet to escape barracks, inspections, and formations to enjoy living in Europe. However, each time I went, one thing became very apparent to me as time wore on. The people I was around simply were not those that I trusted, confided in, and quite simply missed; they were not my Brother Rats. While I never missed the inspections, turnouts or other annoyances cadets face, I missed the people that make this place worth coming back to after each furlough and year.

While this hasn't always been a fun ride, it is one that I'm glad I took. I'll leave here with a better understanding of how the world works, confident that I will be able to handle the challenges ahead and, most of all, the enduring brotherhood of '06. To all of you, thank you for these last four years, be careful, Godspeed and good luck.

ing 4,3,2,1; 2nd Plt. GSgt 2; 3rd Plt. Lt. 1



2003: Colin McElroy  
2009: Michael Porter, Brian Sanders

Rat Challenge Champions '02; Ranger Co 3;  
Sprint Football 2; Racquetball 1; First Class Private;  
RDC 1



2003: Jake Agnew  
2009: Andrew Rice

Cadre 3,2; Semper Fi Society 4,3,2; Aviation  
Club 3,2; Boxing 2



2003: Brandon Turner  
2009: Rats of 154





**Keun Rhee**  
Seoul, Korea

*Navy - Modern Languages*  
"Ken"



**Kyle F. Richards**  
Bowling Green, VA

*Army - Psychology*



**Brandon R. Rocke**  
Fredericksburg, VA

*Air Force - Mechanical Engineering*  
"Rock, Rockdawg, Short N"

Choosing the VMI road was the best decision that I have ever made up to this point. The unique system at VMI has instilled an extraordinary sense of integrity, discipline, and leadership in me which I have found to be the necessary traits of an honorable officer. From matriculation to breakout, to ring figure, and to graduation, my brother rats have celebrated each "stepping-stone" with pride and camaraderie that will hold us together eternally.

As I pursue my mission to become a ROK UDT/SEAL officer, I will remember the competitive mindsets of each and every VMI cadet that had always driven me to be the best and to be on top. I would like to thank my parents for their kind support and love, my brother rats for their trust and everlasting friendship, and the Institute for the opportunity to be someone great. VMI truly is a one of a kind, elite institution where great leaders are born.

First off I must thank God and my parents. Without Mom and Dad standing behind me and believing in me through the hard times I would have never seen the final results of this place. For all the crazy and wild adventures, and all the long boring nights made interesting, I must also thank the best friends that you could ever ask for. For all the advice, the laughs, the mischief, and for all the times when you simply needed someone to talk to.

The time spent here has flown by so fast and despite all the bad, the good vastly outweighs. For all of you going into the service, the best of luck to you and for those of us going off to finally do what we want to do....I'll see you on the outside. Time to reap the benefits, it's been a long time coming!

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith"  
2 Timothy 4:7

What to say about this place, Brother Rats we had some great times, some tough times. I wouldn't change the last four years for anything, I am going to miss you guys. To my roommates we had some great times fellas. Spring Break was always a great time getting drunk and having a blast. Peter Wilcox you are the greatest friends a guy could ask for. I have always been there for me I am going to miss you a lot brother. Be safe in your travels. Andrew you're a great guy, glad you became my roommate, best of luck to you after graduation.

To my rats, you guys were a pain in the butt but I still love ya. Kim keep Donny's line he needs it from time to time. Don't know what can I say I hope you find what you are searching for in life. Be safe and don't be stupid- the next few years are going to be tough but I know you guys can cut through a long hard road, but the end is here.

Swim Team, Mixed Martial Arts Club, Combat Support Group, Ranger Challenge, Ranger Company, International Club



*Mr. Tu*



*2003: Roy Perry*



*2003: Ku-Rey Liang*  
*2009: Patrick Donovan, Jonathan*



**Daniel R. Rogers**  
Vienna, VA

vy - Mechanical Engineering  
e, LT Dan, Stan Darsh, Mr. Rogers"



**Ryan H. Rogers**  
Middletown, OH

Army - History  
"Squinty"



**Quentin V.J. Rohlfs**  
Oak Hill, VA

Air Force - Mechanical Engineering  
"Q"

Dan came here as the boy genius, prodigy if you will, at the tender age of 17. His brain a sponge, he was educated in that fact that music existed before 1999. Dan was a moving fun, and in high spirits, he was a revelation to us all, by never letting the world get him down. Dan added diversity to our lives since that fateful day on August 1st, 1999, coming from occupied Virginia, unlike the other Richmonders he had to put up with. Being a Naval aviator, you will probably never get air support from him anywhere you go. Dan is in the world, and as our experience grows, he will probably eject from his life in a rational jet with a belt fed machine gun. Dan is a combat the scum of the earth in the desert, jungle, or arctic. Doogie was a working Mechanical Engineer, who will be appreciated by his roommates for complaining about his work load. Your Roommates

There's been a "great" four years...about as good as you can hope for at a place like this. To the roommates, good luck in your future. To the rats, have three more years to enjoy this life. Make the best out of them. Y'all will be graduates. To my family, thanks for support.

The third milestone of the VMI experience is an appropriate time to look back on the road that brought us all to that last milestone. However, as we could all go on for hours reciting stories of the grueling Ratline, the boredom of third class year, the anticipation for Ring Figure during second class year, or even the pinnacle of first class year, it means the most to me to reflect on the changes we have all experienced as a whole during the entirety of our time here at VMI.

Four years ago, we were a mass without identity and inexperienced in the ways of life here. Today we stand on the precipice of the larger picture that is life on the outside. Through all the annoyances and inconveniences during our time here, certain lessons will stick with us all no matter where we go. When I first came to VMI, my 1<sup>st</sup> platoon sergeant asked me why I came, I simply said: "To make myself a better person." I find that goal is one that has not changed in four years.

I realize now, that my goal was one that I was never able to achieve through my own actions. I look at the good men and women around me and realize none of us were alone, we did it together. We made it, together. We are all better than we were. One journey ends, the next begins. I wish you all Brother Rats, good luck and Godspeed.

So there I was, August 2002 showing up to VMI for the first time when I asked myself, "Why the hell did I come here?" Four years later, that question remains unanswered, however what I do know, without a shadow of a doubt, is that the decision to come to VMI was the best decision of my life. Through the ratline, 3<sup>rd</sup> Class CPLs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class RDC, and my own personal 1<sup>st</sup> Class Ratline, VMI has been a love/hate relationship. But I don't regret it for a moment. This place has taught me more about brotherhood, honor, integrity, and loyalty than I could have learned anywhere else, and I am thankful for that.

I thank those who helped me learn those lessons. My BRs, thank you. The Guild, may we always stay up late and eat Asian food. Air Force motivators, see you out there. And all my many roommates, from 371/271 to 123A/B, you are all my true brothers, and it has been an honor to know and live with each and every one of you. To the Tiger Echo motivators, keep up the good work, you've made me proud. And Rats, be strong, keep your chins up, and remember we've taught you. I know you will make us proud, and if not, we'll just ass punch you. Veni Vidi Vici.

The Guild; Strength and Fitness Club

Echo: 1,2,3,4; 4 PVT, 3 4CPL, 2 1PLTSGT, 1 PVT; 2 RDC; 3,2,1 CRO PREP; 2,1 The Guild



2003: A.D. Burt  
Steve Anderson, Drew Thompson

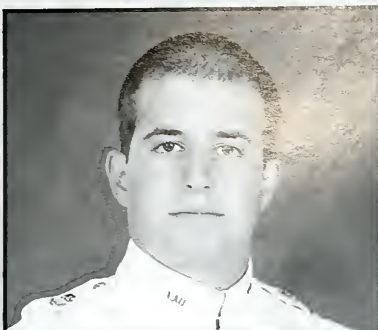


2003: Pang Tu  
2009: Dan Bogert, Conor Franklin



2003: Eric Figura  
2009: Pat Dowd





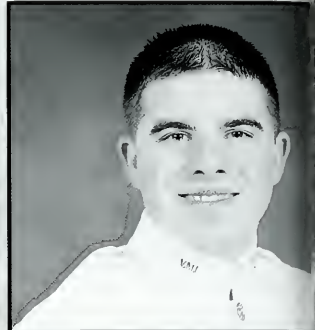
**Kyle R. Rosch**  
Skipwith, VA

*Army - History*



**Adam C. Rosenbaum**  
Oakton, VA

*Army - History*



**Joseph A. Rouleau**  
Chillicothe, OH

*Air Force - Psychology*  
"Rolo, LooLoo, DooDoo"

Well, somehow four long years have come and gone at this place. I would never be where I am today without the help of a few people. To my family, thank you for listening to my complaining and whining and telling me to never give up. Your support and guidance has made me who I am today. I love you all. To Brooke, you stuck by me for three long years and I can never thank you enough for doing that. I love you and I look forward to our future and family together.

To my roommates, thank you guys for all the memories that we share. Whether it was Clark telling us how to make a light saber, Stover complaining because it was too noisy, or Adam being a spoz, I couldn't thank you guys enough. To the sinks and Bud, whether it was sinks stickball, the great flood of 2005, or the destruction, it has been awesome living down here with you all. To everyone else, there are too many of you to list, thank you for all that you've done for me. I'd like to thank my dykes as well as wish my rats well, keep your heads up. But, in the end, I realized that all you can do is "Be perfect to yourself".

The last four years have been the best and toughest years of my life. Through these years, I have met what seem to be some of the finest people in my entire generation. I have learned what kind of person to aspire to be and what to never be. For that I am thankful. I cannot thank my family enough. Mom, Dad, and Amanda thank you for all the tailgates, the support, and most importantly the bar tabs. Clark, Kyle, and Tim you are the brothers I never had. Without you all I would have never made it. To the Sinks, we made this place more fun than it was supposed to be. To our rats Andrew, Doug, Flounder, Jason, Shawn and the rats of the Sinks I wish you the best of luck. Everyone of you are great people and will do great things. Finally, KT. You have stuck with me for 2.5 years here. You were there when I couldn't be. I can never thank you enough, I love you.

*"Stop fakin..."*

*"Staring at myself I turn to question me  
I wonder do I want the simple, simple life  
that I once lived in well  
Oh things were quiet then  
In a way they were the better days  
But now I am the proudest monkey you've  
ever seen"*

For the past five years, I have been asking myself what I am doing. Every day I question myself on why I choose to go to another school, on which I could actually enjoy myself. One day, I still don't have an answer to these questions. But I think that deep down I want to be here, that I belong here. I have been part of something great. It's myself: the brotherhood of VMI. To be honest, I was going to leave after my first semester. It was one of my rat roommates that convinced me into staying. Here that we started together and that we wanted to finish together, that I had an obligation to my brother rats. Well here I am, four years later, almost what seems like an eternity. Now that it is over, I look back on the time I spent pinned up behind these four walls of barracks. Sure there were a lot of bad and depressing times, but there were a lot of good times as well. Looking back I wouldn't have traded the experiences and lessons I've learned here for anything.

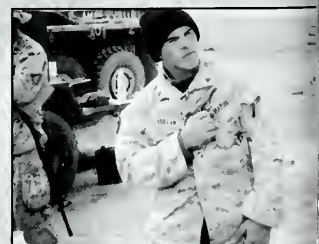
To the rats of 117, hang in there. I know four years seem like a long time, but it will go quicker than you think. Lastly, I would like to thank my parents and my girlfriend, and all of my Brother Rats who supported me while I was here and I

Big Red Club, 4,3,2,1; Rat Challenge, 3,2,1

Bravo 5<sup>th</sup> Cpl, 2<sup>nd</sup> PLT SGT, 1<sup>st</sup> Class PVT; Rugby 4, 3, 2; Big Brother 2; Strength & Fitness Club 1; Big Red Club Treasurer 1; OGA 1



2003: Justin Trenta  
2009: Andrew Rohrback

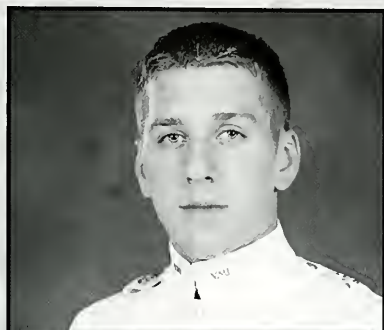


2002: Tim Burke  
2009: Tory Holt



**Nick Saccone**  
Pittsburgh, PA

*er Force - Civil Engineering*  
cone, Sac Diesel, Sac, Nasty Nick"



**Jeffrey M. Sale**  
Alexandria, VA

*Air Force - Computer Science*



**David P. Santoro**  
Rochester Hills, MI

*Army - International Studies/ Spanish*

riting you this letter so you'll never forget all  
and bad times here at VMI.

Remember all the good times; 4<sup>th</sup> class  
7, pulling the tree to the sentinel box,  
window seals, hay ball, Dyke's wedding,  
wrestling, nudity, 3<sup>rd</sup> class - club 300, extra  
amp post, picking on Matt as a rat, NCAA  
with "U", soccer, wrestling, nudity, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
30, Olmsted Grant, ring figure, Carmel  
r, racquetball, "hit stick", soccer, wrestling,  
- last year, rats, "mmmokay", Graham's  
s, soccer, men's volleyball, karate fights  
nmates, grinding with roommates....

sooo many lines, random comments, #42  
"holla at cha-boy", "mark it", unwanted  
pphy and virus, thanks Graham, Pirates,  
Chris, wrestling, nudity.

remember all the bad times; 4<sup>th</sup> - Smith  
leeping during speech, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Speakers taken,  
ning, 2<sup>nd</sup> - conduct probation, ring figure,  
king down, 1<sup>st</sup> - losing nav. slot, losing fahy.

In general, just remember the people  
ed you get through this place. When you  
our diploma, remember all the help the CE  
ve you, your roommates taking demerits  
o you wouldn't get kicked out of school,

f the Christian brothers you had here to  
u going spiritually. Remember the faculty  
s who spent time with you in and out of  
rooms. Remember your roommates; John,

est", the guy that put up with you for four  
what you know about the 757", Rob, "Wob",  
"Miss America wave", Graham, "Graham-  
our talks, all the memories in room 140.

n't forget how much you hated this place  
ne BS you had to put up with.

Remember above all, to thank God and  
nily in supporting you through VMI.

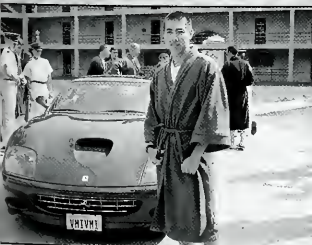
There's a delightful image in Plato,  
which explains why a sensible person is  
right to steer clear of politics. He sees  
everyone else rushing into the street and  
getting soaked in the pouring rain. He can't  
persuade them to go indoors and keep dry.  
He knows if he went out too, he'd merely  
get equally wet. So he just stays indoors  
himself, and, as he can't do anything  
about other people's stupidity, comforts  
himself with the thought: "Well, I'm all right,  
anyway."

-Sir Thomas More

Here's to all my roommates over  
the years, Tyler, William, Kevin, Dan, Seth,  
Adam, and Andrew. I have to admit that  
there were many times I wanted to kill you  
guys. Like when Tyler and Dan drunkenly  
emptied the entire contents of my wall  
locker onto the floor in one monstrous mess.  
Or that time we went to JMU for my 21<sup>st</sup>  
birthday only to have my head half-shaved  
with beard trimmers and a belligerent  
Seth get us thrown out of the party into  
the freezing cold. Then there was the time  
Kevin and I, as rats, had the bright idea of  
starting a food fight, only to be abandoned  
by everyone else in the class at the last  
minute. We stood in the mess hall alone  
like idiots desperately throwing handfuls of  
scrambled eggs into the crowd. But despite  
those moments of utter stupidity, or perhaps  
because of them, it was a hell of a fun ride  
and I'm glad I was there.

urs: Men's Volleyball; Arnold Air Society;  
o: Club Soccer; Racquetball Club; JPB

Ranger Challenge, English Society



2003: Matthew Brady  
Benjamin Branz, Isaac Putnam

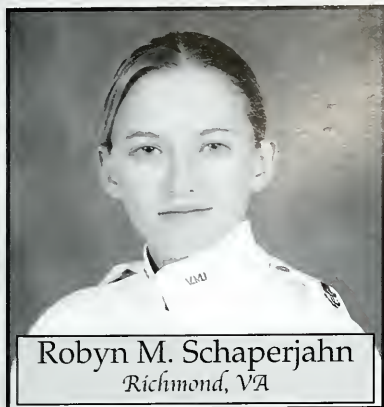


2003: Joseph Vorhees  
2009: Lance Oltzmann



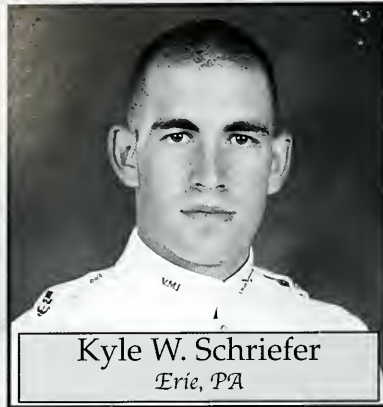
2003: Rob Hedglen





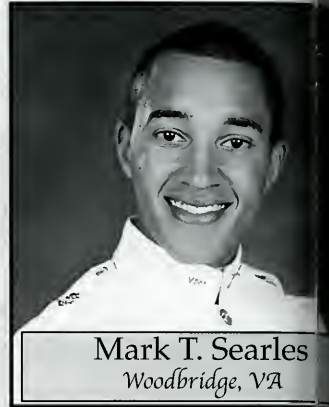
**Robyn M. Schaperjahn**  
Richmond, VA

Army - International Studies



**Kyle W. Schriefer**  
Erie, PA

Army - Civil Engineering



**Mark T. Searles**  
Woodbridge, VA

Army - International Studies  
"Steak, Truth, Scuba Searles"

At the end of four years, it has felt like eight. I have had some good times and I will never forget you guys. Good luck in the future everybody-- and for those of you going into the military, I will see you out there.

Schriefer. We remember matriculation day seeing this guy come into the room. First impression was "this guy doesn't talk." Well not a lot has changed when it comes to that. But we have had the opportunity to watch Kyle transition from just another rat to Reg. XO, RDC Vice President, 3.96 GPA, and not to mention the #1 Army cadet in the nation. This was no doubt due to our endless persistence on him studying and not being lazy. Many people, BR's and rats alike, see Kyle as a scary individual. But anybody who really gets to know him finds quite the opposite is true. From the ratline antics to straining Mayhew's dog in a drunken rage, you have always upheld the standard. Kyle, there is no doubt that you have matured into an exceptional cadet and we are proud to have shared the ride from the beginning. (Keep up the hard work; we are all planning on vacationing at YOUR beach house in the future). 439, 339, 239, C-28..... Holla.

Thank you mom and dad for being my biggest supporters. To all of my room mates, F-troopers '06, C.E. playboys, Army B.R.s, and to all those I had the privilege to work with through the regimental and class system, it has been my honor to know such a group of guys.

F-troop 4,3,2,1.

These past four years have taught me so much about myself and life, I can't explain it in 250 words. What I can explain are the bonds I've forged with my best friends in the world, my brother. It was just yesterday that we showed up to VMI as Rats, and now we are preparing to leave VMI, as men. Regardless of where we find ourselves, if we keep God in our lives, we can do no wrong.

For the Rats of 150: It has been the best feeling in the world watching you all come into your own, drive on: My greatest year has been to get you to be better than I was, and to be better than I am -- Duff! To my boys in the Live Squad: I could write a book with nothing but our stories. I will never forget all the times we had to catch up and I can't wait for the times to come. Mom, Dad, Morgan, and Michelle: I can thank you enough for everything you have shown and provided me these past 2 years. You have shown me what it means to be a good man, brother, and soldier. I love you for it. I can only hope to live what we have as a family, for myself one day...thank you.

Women's Soccer 4; Ranger Challenge 3, 2; Basketball Club 3; Endurance Club 1; Pre-Law Society 1; Republican Club 2,1



2009;

2009; Alexander Samms

Powerlifting 1,2; Ranger Company 3; Cadre 1,2,3; Phi Eta Sigma 3,4; Tau Beta Pi 1,2; Omnicron Delta Kappa 1,2; Phi Kappa Phi 1,2



2003: Alexander Samms  
2009: Hubbell McGeorge

Honor Court 1,2; First Captain, 1<sup>st</sup> BN SGM, 9<sup>th</sup> BN Ranger Challenge 2,3; Ranger Co 3; Model Air 3; Promaji Club 1,2,3,4; Club Soccer 2; Dean's List 1,2,3,4



2003: Jeff McKelvin  
2009: Joshua Daly, William F...



**John C. Sheckells**  
Friendship, MD

Corps - International Studies  
Sheck, Bobo, Bobolicious,  
Sheckmoney, Sheckdawg"



**Jared B. Sheets**  
Zionsville, IN

Army - Economics



**John K. Shillingburg**  
Marietta, GA

Army - International Studies  
"Skeeter"

consider myself to be a pretty  
writer, but there's something about  
g up your entire four years at VML  
yards that just isn't easy. In fact, it's  
ble; so I'm not going to do it. We  
y the stories, the hardships, and the  
mes because we're all Brother Rats  
dured this place for what seems like  
nity.

owever, I do need to recognize  
ho helped me along the way. First  
most, I could not have done this  
my parents. Whether it was the  
s, the 3 hour car rides, or the open  
hear my complaints, you were  
there for me. I can only hope to  
our support. To my roommates: you  
ve single-handedly made fun of me,  
nd me, and ruined any chances I  
ting these past four years more than  
else-thanks. Tom and Clint, you  
I always be my brothers. I can't fit  
names, but to all my friends (you  
ho you are) I'm grateful beyond  
To my dyke, Jared: thanks for being  
and role model. Kevin, Nick,  
uck: good luck, I know you all will  
d.

o my family, friends, and most  
ntly, Brother Rats: we're done, good  
's get drunk.

What I remember most of rooms 410,  
390, 216 and 141: Gaming, lots and lots  
of gaming; lots of not studying; laughing;  
movie nights; Warcraft nights (every night);  
parades; Mike's sleeping habits, or lack  
thereof; watching Dave Chappelle, Pablo  
Francisco, Mitch Hedberg, Ron White; and  
of course I can never forget Ring Figure.  
Let's not forget the famous one-liners of  
the room: I've never done that..... maybe  
once or twice; f\*ck that.....I'll just make a  
copy; Dude... maybe you have an STD;  
Put your money on the table; If you are  
flammable and have legs, you are never  
blocking a fire exit; Take of the hat!; I meant  
the technical term; That guy is walking way  
too seriously; All-encompassingly; Mike wake  
up.....OK DUDE, IM AWAKE; He's the tire  
guy!; Man, I just should have said "yeah.....  
"; <cough><cough> I think I got the black  
lung Pop; I'm not addicted to gambling.  
I'm addicted to sitting in a semi-circle; Oh  
yeah...well I have AC stars, It fell off, it fell  
off, it fell the f\*ck off!

That's only the tip of the iceberg. We  
had a lot of good times. Matt, Kyle, James,  
and Mike..... Thanks for everything.

I'd have to say that VML has been  
the most fun I never want to have again.  
The only thing I will miss is the people. There  
are too many to name individually, but here  
are the first ones that come to mind:

To the officers and NCOs in the Army  
department, past and present, that took the  
time to teach me what little I know about  
soldiering and leadership.

To the laundry department, where  
the hell are all my towels?

To my roommates from all years that  
kept me sane and laughing.

To my only remaining Co-dyke who  
has kept me humble.

To the mess hall, nobody likes the  
pink ice cream. That's why it's still there.

To all the guys with whom I have  
spent countless hours in pain and discomfort  
during Ranger Challenge, Scuba, or  
Sandhurst. You guys made it fun.

To the barbershop, thanks for all  
those sweet fades.

To my rats, stay strong and good  
luck with the next three years.

To all my friends in my class and in  
the Corps, who made this all worthwhile.

In closing I offer the following lyrics:  
"When I think of how I'm feeling right now,  
somehow I still remember the way I felt four  
years ago. I know this place will chew you  
up. Spit you out before you go. And when  
they drag you, kickin' and screamin' from  
the scene you know, that it's time to go."

--Less Than Jake

3,2,1; RDC 1; Triathlon 1; Swimming 3



2003: Jared Hull  
2009: Kevin Pelletier



2003: Toby Kearney  
2009: Alex Kari, Andrew Washbishi



2003: John Komaromy  
2009: Derek Petereit





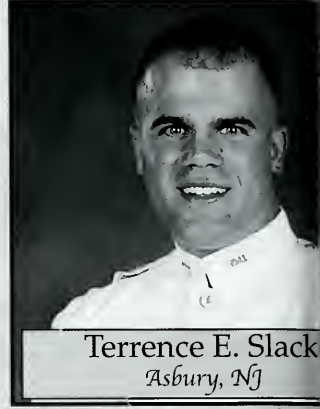
**Kevin J. Simpson**  
Downer's Grove, IL

Army - Mechanical Engineering  
"Optional Cadet, Simps"



**Yevgeniy A. Skvortsov**  
Richmond, VA

Marine Corps - International Studies  
"The Geniya, Johnny,  
Genyanavichniknovichniknovichnik"



**Terrence E. Slack**  
Asbury, NJ

Marine Corps - Mechanical Engineering  
"Stubbs, Slacker, Slack-Attack  
Shorty, Beast"

Well, I can't say all of the past 4 years were fun. But there were definitely some fun times. I think that the following will make me laugh even 50 years from now.

- playing air guitar
- walking to the ABC store in grey blouse in the rain
- concussion on my birthday
- passing out at New Market
- falling in a field of thorns
- Val Hollah!
- Two Oh!
- sleeping on a pallet of cinder blocks
- the Vikings
- my rat roommates
- my onliest co-dyke
- all the band fags
- all of my rats
- THE ring figure
- throwing a light bulb at the sentinel
- CIRILLO!!!
- Cyrus McCormick
- heads are going to roll
- my optional cadetship
- the bathroom wall of Salerno's
- scuba diving
- foreign cars uptown
- the aviator
- two fingers like a true player
- good times at UVA
- JHBP3

To my BR's I thank you for being there with me through all of it good and bad. I'll miss not seeing you guys every day. Now it's our time to become those drunken alumni at VML football games, and I intend to whole heartedly accept that challenge. Good luck to all of you, especially those commissioning! Who am I kidding? It's been fun.

What else can we say about The Genya? If one were to look up brotherhood and motivation in the dictionary they'd see a picture of Genya, Genya was born about 2,000 years too late, a legionary at heart. A walking fall-out encyclopedia, and a man who spent more time studying than breathing, he was always humbled by his addiction to late-night chocolate and video game binges. He woke up every morning at 5:50, which was more like 6:30 after 4 taps of the snooze bar. No one is stronger, nor "taller", than Genya. Though the commandant's staff is convinced he is a communist, we know him to be an All-American and Southerner at heart. If you ever needed sunless tanning lotion or hair gel, Genya was always there to lend his. We are convinced his tears could cure cancer; too bad he never cried.

"Thanks to my parents for always being there; my roommates, Troop, and BR's for being great friends. To our ratties: strive to be the best and stay together, because what you guys have is what no one else does. Chris: your future will be what you want it to be, and VML will be what you yourself will make it out to be. I hope we were good dykes to you guys. USMC, here I come baby. See yall on the flip side."

F-Troop 4.3,2,1; \*35 Batcave 4.3,2,1; NSIB 4.3,2,1; A-1 Club 2; Private 4.3,2,1; Operation Ferocious D (Ring Figure) 2; Dean's List 4.3,2,1; Strength & Fitness 1; Music Society 1;

Civil War Roundtable 2; Martial Arts 2; Phi Alpha Theta 2,1; Institute Honors 2,1; Model Arab League 3,2; Semper Fi 4.3,2; Sprint Football 3; Rat Football 4

The most common memory I have of my time knowing Terry here at VML is definitely all of the occasions he deemed it necessary to show off his wrestling moves, which only caused me laugh while inflicting pain on the unlucky guy on the receiving end. It was fun when you were not the guy in the receiving end, but all of us quickly learned that a wise move to neither make fun of my New Jersey.

Those times aside, though, Slack was by far one of the most reliable guys in my company and our class. I have neither groundbreaking nor a cliché statement to describe Terry's cadetship with, but I know that is not the way he would want his testimonial to be. Instead, as our cadetship finally winds to a close, what I will say is after having no choice in having to be Slack every day for the past four years, it is definitely one of the BRs that I will miss the most.

Enjoy your experience in the USMC, Slack-Attack, and I apologize for always making fun of New Jersey.

-CLF

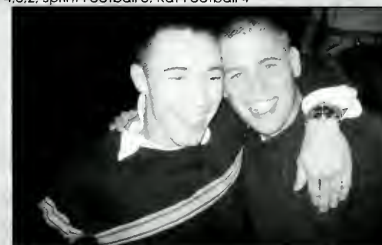
I do want to thank "my roommates" Dane, Bart, Chris, Sean, Kirby, Ernie, and Chris, Chuck, and my friends...you know who you are."

Cadet Waiter 3,2,1; Boxing Team 2,1; Worm 4,3,2,1



2009: Al

McManus



2003: Derek Brown  
2009: Chris Drobnicki

Rat Challenge 3,2,1; Glee Club 4,3,2,1; Triathlon 3,2,1; Semper Fi 3,2,1; THE G



2003: Greg Sphunder, Jared Swartz  
2009: Drew Miraldi, Petey Saravanan



**Andrew E. Smith**  
Leesburg, VA

my - International Studies



**Christopher-Ray D. Smith**  
Rocky Mount, VA

Army - Civil Engineering  
"Smitty"



**Kirby T. Smith III**  
Yorktown, VA

Army - History  
"Kirb, Lawn Gnome"

is now are ended. These our actors,  
old you, were all spirits, and  
ed into air, into thin air:  
the baseless fabric of this vision,  
d-capp'd towers,  
eous polaces,  
nn temples, the great globe itself,  
which it inherit, shall dissolve,  
this insubstantial pageant faded,  
ot a rack behind. We are such stuff  
s are made on; and our little life  
ed with a sleep.  
e Tempest. Act IV, Sc. 1

We have taken him many places  
with many firsts. To name a few, there was  
Boston for his first train ride. We also found  
that he loves romance novels on this trip.  
The master of club sports. The owner of the  
brand new desk in our room. A man with  
a heart and soul for venturing anywhere as  
long as it is hard. The guy pushing the limit,  
doing the back flips off rope swings and  
train bridges. The rider of waves. The guy  
going off rocks backwards in the kayak,  
and always the first to charge a rapid.

Oh, and he likes to eat too. The  
personal trainer of many, the fat coach,  
the weight room avenger. This is the Smitty.  
It is really easy to take advantage of him;  
just ask him to do something that will bring  
enjoyment and he is sold. Putting off work  
is just putting it off, it is going to get done  
sooner or later. It is all a part of him, doing  
what is fun and being with his cronies and  
then continuing through the night to do the  
work while the rest of us sleep and taunt him  
with snoring and the possibility of a "Mike"  
dream. Just ask him and he'll always tell  
you, "I had an AWESOME time!"

"We regret to inform you..." Having  
been rejected from VML when I applied  
in 2001, these past four or so years have  
been the hardest years of my life so far  
and I believe they'll go unequalled for  
the rest of it. Finally being admitted to VML  
on July 26<sup>th</sup> 2002 I had no idea what I was  
getting myself into. August 17<sup>th</sup> 2002 was  
the beginning of a new life for me. The  
ratline was demanding and nearly ended  
my cadetship because of academics. If it  
were not for my brother rats and my dykes  
I would not have made it to first class year.  
Third class year was a b@tch, I should have  
studied abroad. Second class year was  
awesome with Ring Figure and having Ernie  
Simons as a roommate. First class year is  
going awesome with great rats, Vince and  
Ira, and also winning 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Ranger  
Challenge competition.

I'd like to thank my supporters:  
My parents and family, my Brother Rats  
in 2006 and dykes in the Class of 2003,  
my professors and instructors in the Army  
Department, the rats in '06+3 of room 152,  
and most importantly my roommates, Chris  
Chase, Sean Moran and Terry Slack. To my  
rats: Make the most of your time at VML and  
cherish the bad moments with the good.

Wrestling 4,3,2; Rugby 1; A1 Club

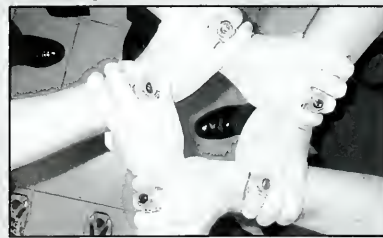


2003: Clifford Piernick  
2009: David Ferreira



2003: Paul Quinn

Rat 4; Private 4,3,2,1; Warm 4,3,2,1; Unauthorized haydown 4,3,2,1;  
Cadet Battery 4; Aviation Club 4,3,2,1; Rat Challenge Cadre 3, 2;  
Ranger Company 3, 2; Ranger Challenge 1; Civil War Roundtable  
2, 1; Institute Bugler 3; Army 3, 2, 1



2003: Brian Gardner  
2009: Vincent Abruzzese, Ira Gallagher





**Steven S. Souchtchenko**  
Richmond, VA

*Air Force - Psychology*  
"South, Alphabet"



**Bradley D. Steidle**  
Atlanta, GA

*Navy - English*



**Kirk M. Steiner**  
Salisbury, NC

*Army - English*  
"Stein Sauce, SCUBA Steiner, He  
Steinasaurus Rex"

Somebody once said that they would not take a million dollars for never having lived through VMI; just as they would not take a million dollars to do it all over again. This cannot be truer. VMI was a rough trip, but one few and privileged take. I am thankful for having lived through this school and even more thankful to those that helped me through it.

Sincere thanks go to my parents who provided me with a financial foothold and moral support. Thanks to my brother Alex who believed in me, looked up to me and was by my side through the toughest times. Thanks to one of my best friends Tim K. who helped me stay sane through my many crazy girlfriends and sleepless nights thereof. Thanks to my other best friend and wingman Richard G. for his support and friendship. Thanks to my ring figure date and girlfriend Jennifer C. for being always at my side even through my toughest times. And finally, thanks to my brother rats and Bravo company without whose joint misery and support the rough road would have been impossible to complete.

This testimonial is for those that helped me through it. Without them I would have surely failed. Thank you.

Four years certainly flew by faster than any of us thought possible. This place we have hated has also blessed us in experience and opportunity. The experience I have gained in four years here I believe will serve me well in the future.

The accomplishment is in no small part my own; there are a multitude of people to thank. Without Tom and Jackson, my roommates, I know I would not have made it. Club 155 kicking it strong. LT Brown, thanks for being there to push me and have faith when others did not. My dykes Bill and Jordan, thanks for teaching me what I needed to know to get through here. You supported me when you were here, but even more since you have been gone. Andrew and Zack, my rats, keep your heads high and know that it is something you can finish. Finally my parents, thank you very much. You supported me in the best and worst of times. You were always there and that is something I will never be able to thank you enough for or ever repay.

To all my Brother Rats, good luck in your endeavors and be safe wherever life may take you. God bless The Class of 2006!

This has been a long road, but it has gone so fast. I will never forget the times I have made and the fun times we had. Scott, Geoff, RJ, James, Ed, Brian, and John yall were all great roommates. Kyle, it was fun living with you for a year. How many people can say they steered their Rat roommate all the way through Rats and Alpha Rats, good luck with all of your cadetships.

Finally, Mom and Dad thank you for making it possible for me to come here, and thank you for supporting me with all the decisions I have made.

PVT 4.3.2.1; ERT; Lexington Rescue Squad EMT, Medic, & CIC; Timmins-Gentry Music Society; Rat Challenge Cpl; NCMT 3.2.1; Racquetball Club

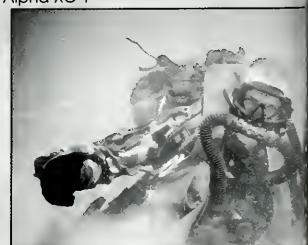


Band Co 4.3.2.1; Brass Quintet 2.1; Private 4.3.2.1; Trident Society 3.2.1; The Cadet 2.1; "Club 155" 1



2003: Jordan Fox  
2009: Andrew Craig, Zachary Tharp

Ranger Challenge 3.2.1; Army ROTC SC A Strength and Fitness 1; RDC 1; CPL 3; M&E Alpha XO 1



2003: Daren William  
2009: Gregory Lippian



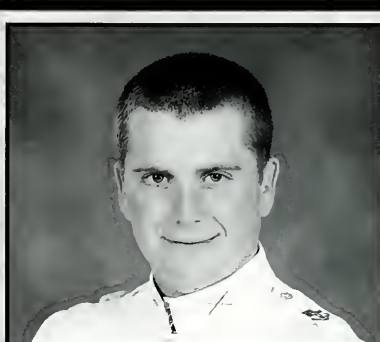
**Thomas W. Stevenson**  
Monterey, VA

Army - Psychology



**Christopher M. Stolle**  
Virginia Beach, VA

Navy - International Studies  
"Stollewood,  
The Princess Peace of Virginia Beach"



**Christopher L. Stone**  
Richmond, VA

Army - Economics

It has been a rough road, but it is coming to an end. From the beginning of my academic career, advisers told me to take a class with a difficult workload, take advanced courses and to go to a difficult college. They said all the extra effort would be worth the effort. I always thought that they didn't know what they were talking about, but now, with my life in front of me, I definitely think that the juice is worth the squeeze.

I have mixed feelings about this place. On one hand I hate it because it sucks, but on the other hand I know it's made me a better person. I feel I'll be better able to cope with challenges and problems in the real world. When I'm working for the man and my boss tries to bone me for not raping my ducks, I'll be able to adapt and overcome by showing him how many pushups I can do.

In the future, should I ever be naked in community showers with some other guy, I'm not going to spaz out and do start doing high knees like a regular college kid would, I'll remain calm and politely ask if he could scrub my back. Another great skill that I feel will give me a leg up in the real world is my rat bible knowledge. Most guys go to bars and try to pick up chicks, I'll have them swarming all over me when they see how well I know the parapet.

I don't know how many times I've overheard girls say "gee if only I could find a man who knew the 2003 General Committee". Well, I'm right here babe. I'll even throw in the RDC if you're real sweet and pay. That is all. Shout out to my BR's, and my roommates except Pettit because he always pokes me when I'm tired and annoyed.

After graduating as officers we were ready to shed our blood in defence of our regimental honour, and as for true honour, hardly any one of us knew what that was, and even if anyone had discovered what it was he himself would have been the first to ridicule it. Drunkenness, rowdiness, and bravado were almost something to be proud of. I can't say that we were wicked; all those young people were good, but they behaved badly, and I was the worst of all.

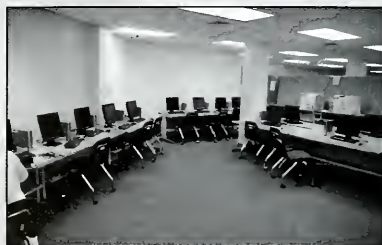
-Fyodor Dostoevsky



2003: Philip Kerns  
2009: Neal Anderson



2003: Doug Barnes  
2009: Chris Ford



2003: William Sinkinson  
2009: Hamilton Harris, Brad Simpson

Class Vice President; Boxing Team; Trident Society; Club Sandwich





**Timothy J. Stover**  
Beckley, WV

*Air Force - Psychology*  
"Stove, Casanova"



**Gregory S. Stronko**  
Clearbrook, VA

*Army - Electrical Engineering*  
"Madman"



**Kelly M. Sweppenhauer**  
Herdon, PA

*Air Force - Economics*  
"Sweep"

The last four years have flown by surprisingly fast. I've shared some nasty times, as well as a lot of great experiences, with really great people. I thank all of the friends I've made, especially my roommates (and their parents), for helping me along the way. Adam, Clark, and Kyle, you guys have been awesome and are like family to me. I'll always be a phone call away if you ever need anything.

Shawn, Doug, Andrew, Dan, and Jason, you have been great rats. Remember all of the things we have taught you about this place, and that I'll still always be there for you if you ever need some advice or help with any problems you run into at VMI or anywhere else.

Above everyone else, I am most thankful for my own loving parents. Without their support I would have never made it this far. I probably have the best mom in the entire world, by the way. I love you, mom and dad.

VMI, an experience I will not forget; full of highs/lows, excitement/boredom, fencing/formations. . . Made some good friends and actually had fun! I would like to first thank God for everything. Too many good things happened to me which were out of my control to be blind chance. Examples: being in Delta Co., great roommates for four years, being adopted by a wonderful host family, and getting a good rat.

To my BR's: If not for each other, we would have left VMI in a heartbeat. To the MADD OG's of Delta: Ya'll are the best! '06 Delta, we were a tight pack, yet didn't go overboard about it (each table in Crozet really could hold more than ten cadets). To the '06 EE's: The suffering's over! Time to get paid! Rats of 113, some parting advice: do what's right, period. You did a good job. To my parents who didn't push me to go here, but were pleased that I did. Thank you for your love and support. My roommates: Andrew, I couldn't have asked for a better Rat-roommate and friend for four years; Joe, you were a great roommate for 3. May the wind be ever at your back.

In closing, as happy as I am to graduate; I almost don't want it to end. But, end it must. Take care, and God Bless.

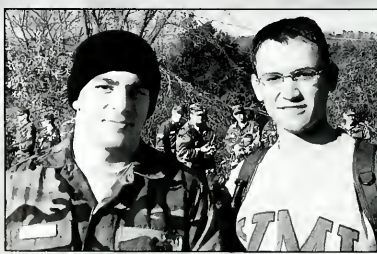
We all knew graduation was the future, but nobody expected our time to be filled with so many life-changing experiences. The amazing thing is, looking back I simply can't remember any that didn't turn out great. To my rats, students, and never lose faith. To '06, Thanks for the memories and God Bless you all.

"...I have learned to be content with whatever the circumstances. I know it is to be in need, and I know what I have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength. Philippians 4: 11b - 13

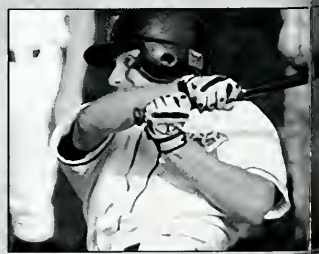
Rugby 3, Sprint Football 2, Power Lifting 2, Bodybuilding 1

Fencing: 3 (CIC 2,1); CCS 1

Baseball 1,2,3,4-Captain 1,2; F-Troop 1,2,3; FCA 1,2,3,4; KSO 1



2003: Dan Zhang  
2009: William Lewis



2003: Jason Annis  
2009: Travis Smink, A.J. Y



**Richard M. Tamillow**  
*Spotsylvania, VA*

*Force - Modern Languages*  
"Man-Pillow"

VMI was a unique experience and I'm glad that it's finally over. Without some people at this school I wouldn't have quit a long time ago. To Joe, Barry, and Barry: thanks for being my roommates a guy could ask for. For we were making fun of each other laughing at officers during room meetings, talking about Rigsby and those "Meow"s, or talking like Laryea, you made it fun! There are so many other guys who I'd love to mention but this isn't big enough; you know who you

to my parents... thank you both for all of your love and support during my tenure at the Institute as well as my life! Well, I'll be working for the fire department in Fairfax County for the next year or so, so drop me a line. I'm out.



**Patrick B. Tangonan**  
*Ewa Beach, HI*

*Air Force - Mathematics*  
"Tang, Tango, Hawaii"

I can't believe that my cadetship has come to a close. There's been so much that has happened for me, both good and bad. I thought that when I would be writing this I could think of everything that I would want to say and put on this thing, but I can't. The realization of the world outside of VMI is beginning to set in and it's surreal that I have to think of living outside the mother 'I.'

I completed my last year at VMI, who would have thought? I learned so much over the past couple years here, about myself and others. The inner-strength that I have found, the close friends, the life-altering experiences, and everything in between, I don't think I can compare it to anything I have experienced or will experience over the course of my life. TJ, you had my back since the hell-week picnic when we first met. I can't count the amount of stoop-walks we've had and the dinners we've sat together.

All in all, I would like to thank my parents and friends who helped me through all the ups and downs. From the four years I have been here, it has taught me many valuable lessons and one in particular is that "Appearances can be deceiving, so do not judge one before getting to know one."



**Jedidiah T. Tan**  
*Modesto, CA*

*Army - Mechanical Engineering*  
"The Jedness, the Asian Sensation, the Beast from the East, The Wily Oriental"

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

As I recount all I have learned and experienced, how true these words have been over the last four years, and indeed how faithful God has been in keeping this promise. Not to say that it has been easy, but through it all, his sovereignty and plan has shown through.

To my Brothers in Christ, to God be the Glory for all we have learned about loving each other as Christ has loved us. To the members of the Guild, we sure ate a lot of Chinese food. Thanks for being able to turn the most mundane engineering activities into something to laugh about. To those who gave me the chance to lead them, RAC guys and Bible Study Leaders, thanks for learning and growing with me. I continue to pray that God will make you leaders with "integrity of heart and skillful hands." To my Rat Mike, "Be a man, do the right thing," love God, hate sin, strain hard.

To all who I have known here, I pray that you would know God personally and intimately, that you might find the wonder of his Amazing Grace, and that you might experience "the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God."

To Him be the Glory FOREVER and EVER.

3; Deans List 4, 3, 2; Bady Building 1; Reg. 1; 3; Reg. Color Sgt 2, Pvt 1 (finally wised up)



2003: Chris Bluhm  
2009: Gordon Holloway

Private 4,3,2,1; Commanders Jazz Band 4,3,2,1; Rifle Team 3; EE Major 4,3; Math Major 2,1; Intl. Club 2,1; CCS 2,1; CCS ACIC of Operations 1



2003: William Schaller  
2009: Justin Adkins

Ranger Co. 3; Rat Challenge 2,1; BSU 4,3,2,1; "The Guild" 2,1; Reg. Cadet Chaplain 1



2003: Alex Rizzato  
2009: Michael Kim





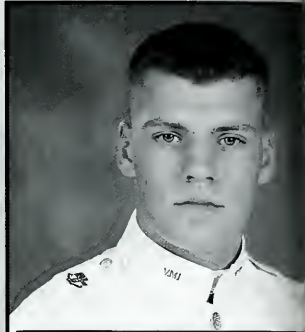
**Joshua N. Taylor**  
Gainesville, VA

Army - Economics  
"Jorsh"



**Forrest C. Tharrington**  
Ashland, VA

Air Force - Economics



**Clinton T. Thompson**  
Chickamauga, GA

Marine Corps - History  
"T-bone, The Emperor, Clinton"

I'd just like to thank the guys who made this place bearable to go to. From the days where we would stop at the Cracker Barrel in Staunton, not knowing whether or not to eat because we knew a sweat party was coming, but ate anyway, to the days when all we had to look forward to was Sunday Night Fights. From the days when we were counting down to Ring Figure, to the days where we were pushing our own rats, you guys have always been there for me and for each other. Though we had our good times and our bad, through good choices, drunk choices, and bad choices, I will leave this place better knowing that I will always be able to call on the guys who have always been there for me. I will leave this place and those to follow with a verse and a toast, because those two go so well together.

John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

A Toast: Here's to all the nights forgotten and the friends you'll never forget.

To my rats: Keep up the good work guys. Always remember what we told you. And never stop shooting to achieve your goals.

It is the Soldier, not the minister  
Who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the Soldier, not the reporter  
Who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the Soldier, not the poet  
Who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer  
Who has given us freedom to protest.

It is the Soldier, not the lawyer  
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the Soldier, not the politician  
Who has given us the right to vote.

It is the Soldier who salutes the flag,  
Who serves beneath the flag,  
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,  
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.

Over the last few years I have been through Hell, or VMI as some of you have said. It has been hard but I believe I have learned something from this place. I know that I have been in the company of some of the finest people I will ever know while I was here. I count it a privilege to have been associated with them. ROOM 123: You have been...well, interesting. It has been an honor to share a 14 x 30 cell with you. Hardcore Alpha: Continue to be the group of people you have been. I love you guys a lot.

Mom, Dad, Kara: I could not have done this without you and I love you. I support you have given me. Nastasha: You have put up with a lot and I know you are ready for me to leave this place for good.

I guess the time for dreaming is over and now is the time of doing. I only hope I can serve my country well with the skills I have learned from this place.

Jazz Band 4,3,2,1; Brass Quintet 4,3,2,1; Bugler 3,2,1; Cheerleader 2,1

Semper Fi 1,2,3,4; Powerlifting 2; Cadet



2009: Joshua Taylor



2003: Craig Guiliano  
2009: Patrick Barnes



2003: Vadim Simakhov  
2009: Thelmar Rosardo, Aaron



**Jonathan M. Tibbs**  
Richmond, VA

*Army - Mechanical Engineering*



**Ryan J. Tibbs**  
Richmond, VA

*Navy - Biology*



**Brent M. Timmer**  
West Olive, MI

*Marine Corps - Mechanical Engineering*

While everyone has taken precious time to write this testimony, I've been busy with my work thanks to M.E. faculty. I've found time to squeeze it in my spare time. After four years of coming to this still don't know why I came here. It was yesterday that I drove down Rt. 286 to VMI's "beautiful" facilities for the first time, turning my stomach into knots. I would think that after four years of coming to this place, those knots in my stomach would go away upon returning weekends or furloughs, yet they remain. It makes me wonder what kept me here. The prestige, the ring, the thought of kicking my @ss, I don't know? They talk about the light at the end of the tunnel until this year, I thought my life was blown out, I finally see the end of a long and depressing road. I can say I have been an electrical, mechanical engineer during my time at VMI. My BR's nights were spent watching movies and playing, but my nights were filled with fun from professors. And, it was worth it. Although I'm a happy cadet, I will surely be a proud alumnus. Thanks Mom and Dad for everything, you both sacrificed a lot for me to be here.

Robert Frost said, "Two roads diverged in a wood and I took the one less traveled by and that has made all the difference".

I have taken the road less traveled by and it will make all the difference. The question of coming to VMI was a question I had to reassure myself of every day. My parents gave me inspiration; thank you for your support and I love you all Mom, Dad, Jonathan, Stacey. These 4 years at VMI are over I am ready for life. Good Luck and best wishes.

Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you.  
-Emerson

The four years have gone fast and I am grateful for the time I have spent here, though not all of it was fun it was all worthwhile. When I think about who I was when I arrived and how much I have changed in the past years, I can attribute that change not to the institute but to the quality of the individuals who taught me.

I hope I have given back to the corps as much as I have received. I want to thank all my Brother Rats that have been through this experience with me, I will not forget you. Thanks for your help, support, and memories.



2003: William Belmont  
2009: Richard Fink



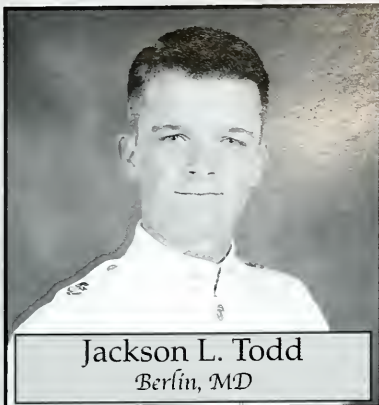
2003: Josh Hillsman  
2009: Carter Murray



2003: Curtis Nieboer  
2009: Michael Nowakowski

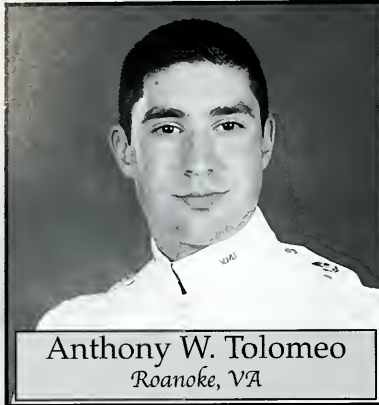
Semper Fi Society, Strength and Fitness Club, Bodybuilding Club, The Guild





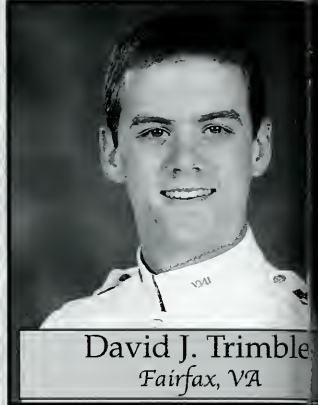
**Jackson L. Todd**  
Berlin, MD

*Navy - History*  
"Thebigjackattack"



**Anthony W. Tolomeo**  
Roanoke, VA

*Air Force - International Studies*  
"T"



**David J. Trimble**  
Fairfax, VA

*Air Force - Civil Engineering*

SEMP! While I believe that this school is a mere shadow of what it was three years ago, or six years ago, I also believe that it still is the only school from which I care to graduate. My greatest influence at VMI was the one I received from my dyke, Justin Guy '03. No professor, or advisor, or Brother Rat in the last three years has taught me as much as he taught me. I only hope I was as good a dyke with my rats, Taylor Herring and Ross Frizzell.

There are only two great things I have done at VMI. One is being a First Class Private (seriously) and the other is being the Pipe Major. I consider those great accomplishments, but they are nothing compared to the accomplishments of my Brother Rats who have served with honor on the field of battle in Iraq and Afghanistan. These people, like my class president John Glasscock, I regard with the utmost respect. Nothing I have done at VMI deserves celebration when compared to their selfless deeds.

Thank you to Dad and my roommates from Club 155, Brad Steidle and Tom Wilson, for helping me through this place. I hope I have done you proud.

...it came and went so fast, but not fast enough. Looking back, the experience was never that difficult, it just sucked. What is bad about VMI: Mess Hall, lazy stoopies that play cell phone games all day, the laundry department, the monopoly that is the QMD and bookstore, the pointless inspections just because they think we have nothing better to do with our time, the crap hole that is the weight room, and guarding this fine institution (sarcastic).

There are not many good things I can say about the institute. However, I can say that my roommates since 3<sup>rd</sup> class year, Matt, Joe, and Barry, made it more enjoyable. Matt, because of our common thoughts and just the way we click together. Joe, because of his ever sarcastic attitude and awesome personality once you get to know him well. Barry, because of the way he or someone he's related to can always make us laugh. To Lisa: thank you for all of your love and support throughout my cadetship. It began long before this place and hopefully it will continue long after...I love you. To my parents: I thank you very much for all of the love and support you have given me over the years. Without you both I would not be in the situation I am today. To other classmates: See ya'll in 10!...maybe

They say time flies when you're having fun... I guess that's why rat years like it took forever and the last three years went by in a blink of an eye. However, that short amount of time VMI did take a lot at me... specials, confinement, inspections and much, much more. The every bad thing there was a good thing.

To my roommates Kirk and Riley, many a night spent playing poker, style solitaire, watching movies, specials and linears, but no matter what on it was for sure... we were always on every street. Couldn't have done it without them. To my close friends and old roommates Bud, Tony, Clay, Graham, and Boadwin, a great 4 years filled with some clare and fun times. To all the CE fellas it was a fun 4 years full of projects, tests, and nighters. I have to give a shout out to the lacrosse team. I wouldn't have made it through all the practices, workouts, and stadiums, film sessions, bus rides and rooms without you. Thanks for making VMI that much more enjoyable. I have especially thank my parents and my parents for helping me throughout my four year reign at the Institute. If it were for you all I never could have done. GOODBYE VMI!

Private 4.3,2,1; VMI Pipe Band 4.3,2,1; JPB 4; NBLF 3.2,1;

CIG 2; College Republicans 2; Civil War Round Table 2; Hater 4.3,2,1; NSIB 4.3,2,1; Slemo Preservation Society 2,1; "Club 155" 1

Corporal 3; SGT 2; Powerlifting 2; Bodybuilding 1; PVT 1

NCAA Lacrosse #22



2009: *Jeff*



2003: Allen Maxey  
2009: Mitchell Ress



2003: Matt Dixon  
2009: Will Carlton, Mackenzie



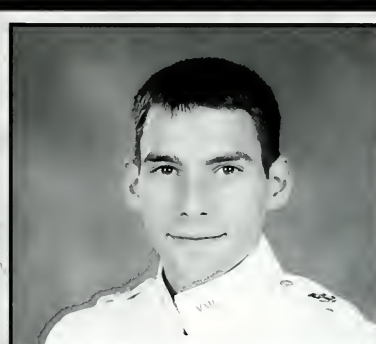
**Robert S. Trimble**  
*Fairfax, VA*

*Force - Civil Engineering*



**Joseph R. Tyler**  
*Suffolk, VA*

*Army - History*  
"Joey, Joe, Jewy Hussein-Burg"



**Erik D. Uber**  
*Bon Air, VA*

*Air Force - Mechanical Engineering*

VMI is a game played by many and few. Waking up early, marching in pointless formations, signing off confinement, playing lacrosse, running stadiums, playing lacrosse, endless movies, the one heez, the yellow fellers, the twenties and thirties and 40s, the all-nighters, but ...staying on easy street. Mom 223, Tony, Kirk, David, and Bud, Clay, and Graham appreciate me, I couldn't have made it through out you guys, thanks for keeping me. Mom and Dad, thank you for making me through it all, even if I did a few scares. Grandparents, I could not have done this without thanks for putting up with us these years. To the family, thanks for out and supporting me at lacrosse it really meant a lot to me. And congratulations to those of you who the game and won, well done.

The past 4 years have most certainly been a rollercoaster ride. VMI is such a strange place because oftentimes I think the reasons we all came here are totally different than why we stayed.

First and foremost, I would like to thank my family for putting up with me the whole time. To my roommates, I can't think of a better room to have been in, Sean, of all the times you have made me laugh, I will never be able to look at trees or 'crat the same again. Christian, it's been a long couple years I know with classes, but it is about to pay off. I wish you the best of luck with Felicia and flying Navy. However, never underestimate the sweet call of life "under the sea" and watch out for the vodka and popcorn. Scott, what else can I say to you other than you are the most evil person I know- and the most compassionate when rubber meets the road in your own insidious ways. Chris, the unofficial roommate, 106 wouldn't have been the same without you. To the rats, I wish you the best of luck, I hope this year you have learned from all of us, maybe even picked up some good habits, and stayed away from some of our lesser ones.

To 2006, all good things must come to an end and thank you for making my time here such a good thing.

There's a delightful image in Plato, which explains why a sensible person is right to steer clear of politics. He sees everyone else rushing into the street and getting soaked in the pouring rain. He can't persuade them to go indoors and keep dry. He knows if he went out too, he'd merely get equally wet. So he just stays indoors himself, and, as he can't do anything about other people's stupidity, comforts himself with the thought: 'Well, I'm all right, anyway.'

-Sir Thomas More

**Glee Club, Civil War Roundtable**



*2003: Toby Kearney*

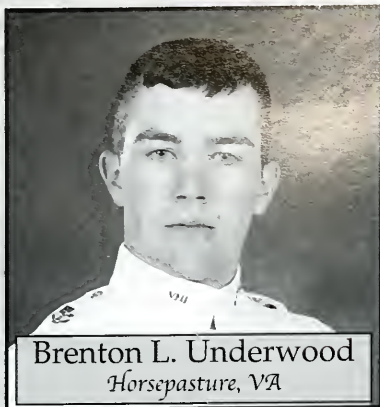


*2003: Craig Blackwood*  
*2009: Justin Ballou, Gary Worley*



*2003: David Tavenner*  
*2009: Andrew Rudemaker, Erik Wells*





**Brenton L. Underwood**  
Horsepasture, VA

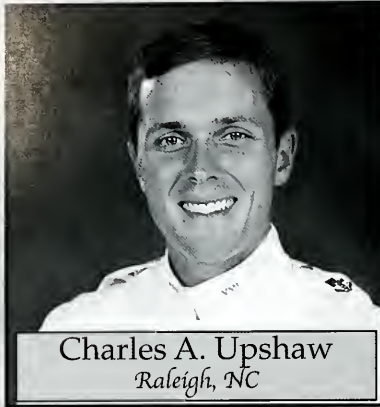
*Army - Mechanical Engineering*  
"BL, Papa Underwood, Bassett County,  
The Best Engineer in Virginia"

The last four years have been crazy; it seems like just yesterday that we were matriculating. It's funny how fast it has actually gone by. These are four years that I will never forget, the bad times and the good times.

I know that I have not made it through the "hell" known as VMI on my own. I probably would have never made it here if not for the love and grace of Jesus Christ, Mom, Dad, and Paige. I love you all and cannot thank you enough.

To Tim, Jason and Chris, thank you for everything you've done for me. We've all had our moments, but it's great to know I have friends like you that I can count on. This place has taught us a lot about our friendship and even when we were at each other's throats, we overcame it all. I wish you all the best and know that you can always count on me for anything.

To my rats, Daniel and Adam, keep your heads up, the worst is over. Don't let the system get to you personally, it's crazy, except it for what it is and drive on. Strive for excellence, whether on the mat/track or within the corps. There are going to be hard times, but just know you have your brother rats to lean on!



**Charles A. Upshaw**  
Raleigh, NC

*Army - International Studies/Spanish*

Now that our time at VMI is finally over, I would like to thank a few people who have helped me along the way:

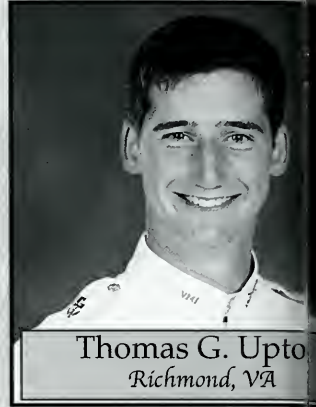
First, I would like to thank my mom and dad. I do not know how I would have survived my cadetship without your continuing support through good times and bad.

Secondly, I would like to thank my professors. They have changed my life through their desire to teach. This desire to teach helped me discover my love of learning.

Next, I would like to thank my Brother Rats. Their support not only during the ratline, but also throughout the 4 years enabled me to overcome obstacles I used to see as insurmountable.

I would also like to thank my friend John Diehl. We had some good times that spanned from STP, to Spain, and to our weekly trips uptown for dinner. I don't know what I would have done without you brother.

Finally, I want to thank my rat Alex and the rest of the-114 rats: Jose, Chris, and Martin. You all have been awesome cadets and it has been an honor for us to be your dykes. Keep your eyes on your academics and everything else will fall into place.



**Thomas G. Upton**  
Richmond, VA

*Army - History*

If it weren't for my friends, teammates, roommates and family, I would never have gotten this far. Graduation is still a bit away for me, but that your continued love and support pull me through. Mom and Dad, I know that VMI and the Army were not what you were expecting for me, but thank you for the help and love you have given me over the years. I Have The F-Troop Pride!

American Society of Mechanical Engineers;  
Firefighters Club; Raquetball Club; Civil War  
Roundtable



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2003: Kennon Kincaid  
2009: Alexander Brush

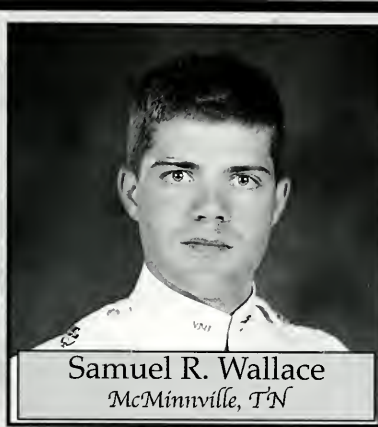


2003: David Loeffler  
2009: Jose Andveza, Kenneth



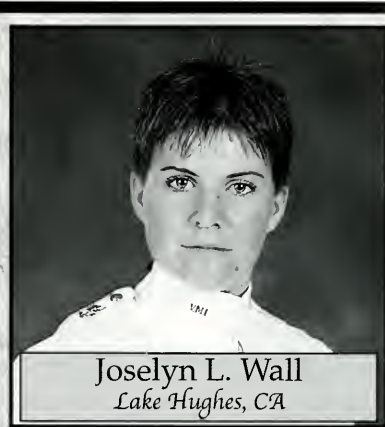
**Chester A. Wagner II**  
Whitestone, VA

*Army - Psychology*  
"Andy, Wags, Scalleywags"



**Samuel R. Wallace**  
McMinnville, TN

*Army - Mechanical Engineering*  
"The Samonator"



**Joselyn L. Wall**  
Lake Hughes, CA

*Marine Corps - Civil Engineering*  
"Jo"

probably did not help out too  
e night I was slammed to the floor  
Riot during Citadel Week. I only  
e stronger. I really had no direction  
nd was not sure what was going  
en. It was not until Valentines  
ekend at Lynchburg College third  
ar when I realized my potential.  
ved three semesters of Captain  
s star chart in Biopsychology. It was  
about finding things to do around  
keep from being bored. Maybe  
n too much, but in reality it was  
I could not handle.  
thought the game was over at  
rt, but I was no where close. I found  
place is a learning experience  
always progressing. The Class of  
d the best time in history to go to  
ol. We were deeply influenced  
vents of 9/11. Before that day we  
generation going nowhere, now we  
e chance to be the next greatest  
ion. We saw the installation of a  
pe and Supreme Court Justice.  
not be able to return to the  
able past we had before VMI, but  
w that the world will be our oyster  
e enter the real world.

Many Cadets and Alumni joke that  
this was the worst 4 years of their life. I  
would like to think that the time I have spent  
running the block to W&L makes it averages  
out to only about 3 years. But seriously, I  
am glad that I went to school here and  
didn't waste my college experience. I had  
a great dyke, Tommy Baldwin, who helped  
me get through the rat line. Good luck co-  
dykes, all 9 made it to first class year. I wish  
my rat roommates could have made it too,  
but I am sure they will do well in life.

To all the roommates that I have  
had over the years, good luck and have  
fun. To my rat Michel Vaughn, Good luck  
and remember a 2.0 in engineering will  
get you a higher paying job than a 3.0 in  
psychology. To Chris Back, thanks for being  
my wing man. I would also like to think W&L  
for letting me hang out with your women  
and drink all your free alcohol. If it hadn't  
been for my keen ability to run the block  
and act preppy I think I would have jumped  
off the 4<sup>th</sup> stoop by now. Good luck to you  
all and just remember that if it flies it dies -  
Air Defender.

"And now these three remain: faith,  
hope and love. But greatest of these is love."  
I Corinthians 13:13

I have regrets, mistakes; but never enough  
tears to cry, or apologies to make.  
But in this misery, I have never cared more  
deeply as I have here.  
I stretched so thin you couldn't see through me  
because you didn't see me at all.  
I am so grateful to my brother rats for carrying  
me when I was broken then you are the reason  
I am here.

This school: more than a pain in the @ss

My girls: almost more than I could handle!  
Jimmie: perfect ring dyke  
My third: the Lord's greatest joy  
Nicolette: more than I asked for  
Rats: more than I wished for  
I hope that I have lived up to your expectations  
and leaving something of which you may be  
proud, you are both more than I expected. I  
am proud that you follow this dyke line.

Finally  
Irony that you may never see  
Beats in this heart and means all to me

Silent, dark this love has been  
Brightly, fiercely has it burned  
Though hidden and unseen  
Thank you for the chance to learn  
Never imagined but glad it happened.  
#1's 6:26-26

Challenge 3, 2, 1; Newman Club 4, 3, 2, 1;

Marathon Club 2, 1; Ranger Company 3; Jazz Band  
4; Pipe band 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat challenge 3; W&L block-  
runners 3, 2, 1; Four Square JV 1

Women's Soccer; Ranger Challenge;  
Equestrian Club



2003: Karen Wheeler  
2009: Jacob Riggs

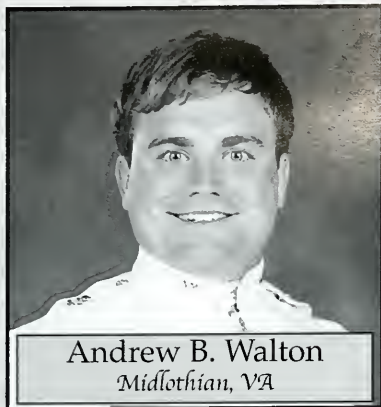


2003: Tommy Baldwin  
2009: Michael Vaughn



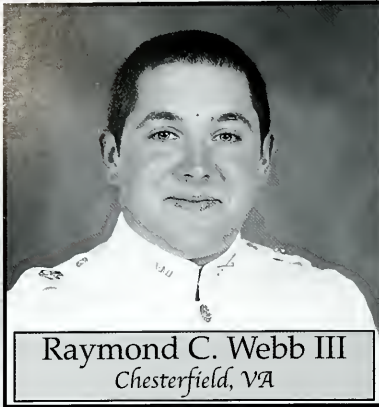
2003: Nicolette Weaver  
2009: Stephanie Ortiz, Celine Ziobro





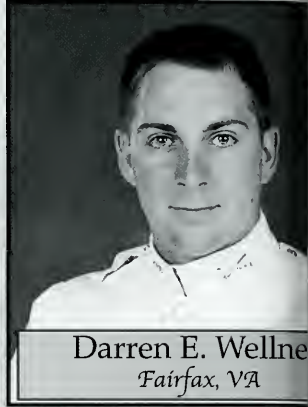
**Andrew B. Walton**  
Midlothian, VA

*Army - History*



**Raymond C. Webb III**  
Chesterfield, VA

*Army - Economics*



**Darren E. Wellne**  
Fairfax, VA

*Air Force - Mechanical Engineering*

As I look back on the past four years of my life, I don't remember much and I am sure Andrew doesn't either. However, I do remember the people who were there when I needed someone....to drink with. From the day we met, I knew that we would have a good time together. Caught in the wheel and the drive were norms. Trying to figure out the best memories is difficult. An all day sesh was always a cure for a long week at VMI...or an encounter with a deer or a 6. The broken clocks, monitors, windows, doors, chairs, etc will probably cost us \$20,000 at graduation, but there is nothing like a game of soccer to cure that.

Andrew will be remembered for his contributions to society (JMU, VMI Football, Sinks). VMI Football would have been a lot different had Andrew not been on the team. He was always the consummate team player and willing to do anything for anyone. Spring break junior year Andrew came home with me to Florida and it was maybe the drunkest I've ever been. The drives home at 430 were always a treat, especially when I backed over my Mom's flower pot.

One thing that will never be forgotten is his ability to make any situation exciting...to say the least. Any time, any place, I'll be there for you man....to drink of course.

After graduating as officers we were ready to shed our blood in defence of our regimental honour, and as for true honour, hardly any one of us knew what that was, and even if anyone had discovered what it was he himself would have been the first to ridicule it. Drunkenness, rowdiness, and bravado were almost something to be proud of. I can't say that we were wicked; all those young people were good, but they behaved badly, and I was the worst of all.

-Fyodor Dostoevsky

I would like to start off by thanking my family for all of their support throughout my life. Without them, I would not be I am today. I am honored to have been a part of F-Troop 06' and all the great things we have done together over the years. My roommates, thanks for always being there. The bond that we have formed is unbreakable, and you are the best I could ever have. Chris, you were there for me, whether to hit up the village or to relieve some stress at JMU. Dad, I at VMI for the summer would have been without you. Cliff, we all miss you and you can get back to VMI, you can get my hay. John, you always seemed to pick up our moods in the room. Rats, you did an awesome job this year and I am glad to have been able to be your dyke.

Most people hate being at VMI including me, but this year has made me realize that the juice is worth the squeeze. Take care you all. Hey Genya, who will fall out?

Private 4,3,2,1; VMI Football 4,3,2,1; CIG 3,2,1-VP 2,1; Academic Mentor 3; Sinks Soccer Champion;

Sinks Stick Ball World Series Winners; BIG RED 4,3,2,1; Streaker/Stripper 4,2,1; Cadet Newspaper 2,1; Running The Block 4,3,2,1



2003



2003: Thomas Claytor  
2009: Brandon Rabon

F-Troop 4,3,2,1; Ice Hockey 3,2; Strength 1; Ranger Company 3; Rat Olympics 2009 Champions



2003:  
2009: Bryceon Venteicher-Sherman



**Paul J. Welsh III**  
Abingdon, MD

Force - Civil Engineering  
"P-dub, PJ Whank"



**Michael D. Werner**  
Camp Hill, PA

Army - Civil Engineering



**James F. White**  
Forestdale, MA

Navy - History  
"Whitey, Cookie"

all started from the confines 471.  
I'm finally done. Never would  
ought it would happen. The times  
will never be forgotten. The rat  
ball, white sox in my grill, Hotel  
nce Parties, Saturday morning  
s, and Friday night Ballin. GC 2-4,  
ris, we did good things. LIUFFEEEE...  
yea, How live is the squad? 2  
AAHHHSS. Spring Breaks - unreal.  
I else fails throw up that salute,  
WWW!!! 122- The biggest room in  
AKA. Steak House. Late nights with  
playboys in the BSR. We never gave  
s why we made it.  
m lookin' back, lookin' back at  
ship, the strife, the lack of sleep,  
s that always came too early. You  
re always there for me and for that  
ever thankful. Without you I would  
ever made it. To the class of 2009,  
r legacy. 122 rat ties, hold it down,  
used. You will all become Stallions  
me... Ben, I'll never forget your  
and most of all our friendship. Man  
elt, Mark, Jon, Woody, Tim, Jeff, Gill,  
Phil, Q, Chris, Sac, J. Freeze, Eric,  
ny boys. Class of 2006. Lord you  
strength. Mom, Dad, Kelly, you are  
ort. Thank you; I love you.

"You can choose your medicine.  
Well it's another goodbye to another  
good friend. Watched the taillights fading,  
there ain't a dry eye in the house. They're  
laughing and singing. They started dancing  
and drinking as I left town. Gonna' find my  
way to heaven, 'cause I did my time in hell.  
I wasn't looking too good but I was feeling  
real well. After all is said and done. I gotta'  
move I had my fun. Let us walk before they  
make us run."

"So Monk lit off the fireworks  
anyway;" that was all I heard after Mike's  
long time roommate put into motion the  
cycle of roguish times, and then we all  
ended up living together. We arrived  
at Mike's house for the first time and the  
stench from the Durango was horrible; 14  
hours later we are where we wanted to  
be. Then we started living together, and  
you cannot always judge a guy by his quiet  
nature and unassuming glares, for it takes  
a few years of living with a guy who wants  
to be buried in a huge box to understand  
what it is that goes on inside his mind.  
Everything he is goes from McGee's to  
Smitty, from Cornelius to Pitchers, from the  
Jager bombs with Natty-Lite instead of Red  
Bull to copious amounts of tuna fish, lettuce  
and turkey.

-Bhatta

It has been a long and hard road,  
but the time is near. I can't begin to  
describe how it feels to be moving onto  
another chapter in life. My time here at VMI  
has been great and I will forever remember  
the memories and lessons learned.

To my rat, I am proud to have been  
your dyke. I hope your time at VMI will be as  
enjoyable as mine. I could not have made  
it and grown as a person without the help  
and support of so many. To my brother rats,  
especially the boys in Alpha, you guys have  
been great; the bond I have with so many  
will never be forgotten. To my roommates:  
Todd, Tommy, and Burgess; you guys are  
the best friends anyone could ever ask for.  
Thanks for everything, it has been a blast!

To my friends and family back home,  
thank you for the support! To my mom,  
dad, Casey, and Lauren; thank you for  
everything. You all have been such an  
inspiration and the love you have given  
me is endless. I love you guys! To Teresa,  
my love, I can't begin to describe how  
thankful I am you are in my life. It has been  
a wonderful, indescribable 2+ years with  
you. I can't wait for many more and the  
memories we'll have together. God Bless. I  
love you guys. Oh yeah, Peace up...

Club Basketball 3; GC 3,2,1; CIG 1;  
Challenge 3,2,1; Live squad 4,3,2,1



2003: Kyle Pfeiffer  
2009: Evan Berenholtz



2003: Josh Hillsman  
2009: Julian Sculley, Brandon Stillo

Ice Hockey 3,2,1; Cadet Waiter 3,2,1;  
Rat Challenge 3,2,1



2003: Pat Lavoie  
2009: Justin Smith





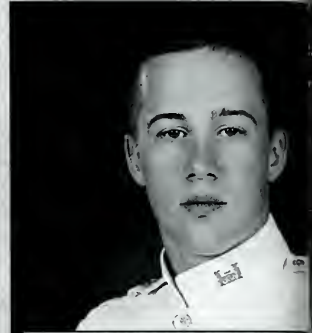
**James G. Wicker**  
Raleigh, NC

*Air Force - History*



**Peter R. Wilcox**  
New Prague, MN

*Army - Psychology*



**Alexander G. Williams**  
Richmond, VA

*Air Force - Economics*

It is the Soldier, not the minister  
Who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the Soldier, not the reporter  
Who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the Soldier, not the poet  
Who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer  
Who has given us freedom to protest.

It is the Soldier, not the lawyer  
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the Soldier, not the politician  
Who has given us the right to vote.

It is the Soldier who salutes the flag,  
Who serves beneath the flag,  
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,  
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.

My success at VMI, undoubtedly, is of God's will. To him I say thank you! Truly, as I have found out, one can find sanctuary in his heart. To my parents who have been an immense support to my educational experience, thank you! You'll never know how much your support has meant to me. I would like to thank the SJMS staff for all the support they have given me throughout my high school and college years—truly, your inspiration and wisdom have impacted my life positively! Furthermore, I would like to thank my good friends at VMI—you know who you are—thank you for the good times we had.

And finally, I leave this testimony of VMI—there are many facets of character that I have observed at VMI. The most valuable, the most honorable, and the most useful facet was humor. Colette once wrote in *Chance Acquaintances*, 1952, the "Total absence of humor render life impossible." What is humor but the saving grace of all misery; Fredrick Nietzsche wrote "...consider every day lost on which we have not danced at least once." And we should call every truth false which was not accompanied by at least one." As my friends and I have discovered in our tenure at VMI, the humorous times were the best times. Find humor in all that you do!

Who would have ever thought it would come so soon? Our four years at VMI have been nothing but a flash of memories, good and bad. The ratline, confinement, the academy, parties, and now graduation. Looking back, how miserable the majority of this time has been. I wouldn't change a thing I've done. All I can say is be thankful for the bonds I've formed with my Brother Rats; without you guys I would have been a long time ago to become an alcoholic opposed to living that life strictly on the edge.

I was very lucky to be placed in the hill...training rats has been one of the accomplishments I'm proud of at VMI. I would recommend both Rat Challenge and Colette to everyone. You owe it to yourself to get the hell out of this place. Brian and John, I could not be better men to work with, and to the Sgt's and Corporals this year, you all aren't half bad. To the rest of Golf Company, you all have been given the tools to succeed in life by some of the most professional men we'll ever know (Stank Stokes)...don't lose what you've spent 4 years trying to build.

To 467: Nick and Dane, good times throughout all the Iraqi Sandstorms and Jousting (Help Received: Bill Sinkinson)

To 301: Mike, I wish you hadn't taken the joy of naps...I take too many. Chris, a good thing you're short, you can fit in on the ground.

To 201: Dave and Rob, we all appreciate your sacrifice...I'll be back to make sure the time here isn't too lonely.

To 101: Brian, you work too hard on the drums and the tomahawk will not be appropriate. Will, please wash the hock... Now lets go celebrate...



Saul  
son

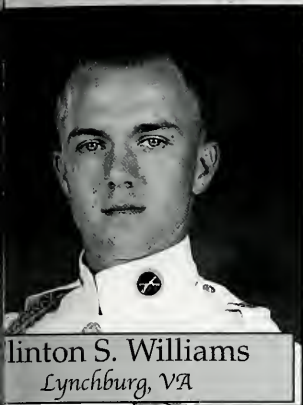


2003: Edward Donahue  
2009: Reza Eftekhar



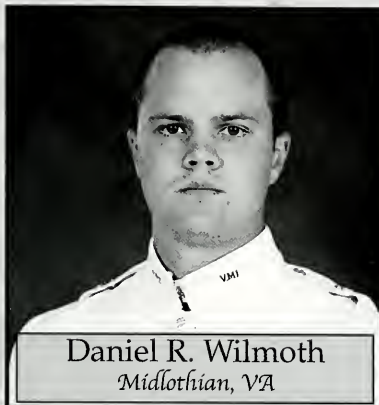
2003: Brian Andrew  
2009: Derek Betz, Edwin

Cadre 2,1; Rat Challenge 3; Rock C  
Club 2; Triad 4,3,2,1



**Linton S. Williams**  
Lynchburg, VA

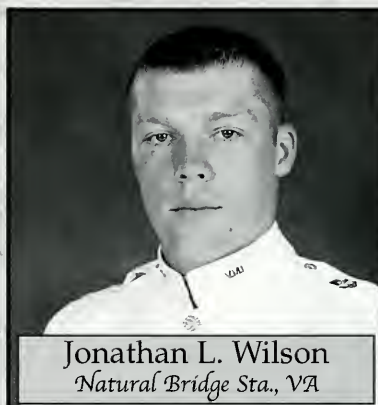
Army - Psychology



**Daniel R. Wilmoth**  
Midlothian, VA

Army - Biology

"Big DZAY, The Don, Original WilmothDR"



**Jonathan L. Wilson**  
Natural Bridge Sta., VA

Air Force - Economics

"Jwil, JDubs"

my brother rats: Good work, '06. part ways, remember the bonds through our four years together. a what will bring us back in the years . There are too many specifics to get 0 words, but there's a lifetime to look d remember. Thank you all, best of d God bless. ntel!

My only fear is that one day VMI will be another college "nested" in the Valley. That day is near. But we had a chance, if not to stop, but to slow the process. Instead we increased the rate. Our class will be remembered for many things, but most of all for seeing an evil, bitching about it...but doing nothing to defeat it. No matter the reason we came here, whether we hate it or love it, we are all still here for the same reason. We came here because VMI means something more. Soon our diploma will mean something more than one from UVA or JMU...

These past four years my family has willed me through VMI. From the trips during the raftline to all the football tailgates, they have been through it all with me. Dad, you represent everything a man should hope to be. I can't thank you enough for all that you do for our family. Mom, I hope one day I will be half the parent you have been to Sam and me. My brother Sam, you are my best friend and the smartest person I know...

To my band of brothers: what a long strange trip it's been. Tyler, high school to law school, we have been through it all: jail, midnight trips to Tech, and destruction of Institute property. Marc, where did those holes in the ceiling come from? Kevin, yup, I'm pretty sure my nose is still bleeding. Andrew, Bud, Chris, and Matt, it's been a real shit show hasn't it? Adam and Seth, it was a great two years and I'm sorry for certain "things". Thank you all for letting me be part of your life; it's been an honor and a privilege. Ya'll represent everything VMI once was, what it should be, and what it could be again...

Thank you to all my 'real dykes': Tom, Jimmer, Bill, Will, Lea, Mo, and Doug. If your cup be full, may it be again. Stay Gold.

My four years at VMI have been long, but fast. As one door closes another begins to open. Unfortunately my time is extended by an additional semester. Instead of starting a new chapter in my life, I'm attempting to write the conclusion of an existing one.

I would like to start by thanking my family for being there for me throughout my 4.5 years. Sometimes I don't see how you do it!! Mom & Dad you've been with me since the beginning and I know you'll be with me in the end. Thanks so much for everything, I love you so much.

I would also like to thank the Claytor's. Ya'll have been a second family to me, since I've spent all my time at your house. Thanks for supporting me.

One special person I would like to thank is my girlfriend, Kelly. Honey you're my everything. I would not have made it through this place without you. You have put up with me and this place for 4.5 years now and that means a lot. Our life together has just begun and we still have most of it left.

Mike, thanks for the sleepless nights (learn inside voice). As for BT, now you'll have more time to allow for guitar lessons. Nah, hope life treats both of you kindly. Take care and keep in touch.



2003: Sam Newsome  
2009: Joel Barnes



2003: Chip Hancock  
2009: Matt Edwards, Stephen Nichols



2003: Wes Kite  
2009: Thomas Hayden, Brian Sandridge

S-1 CPL 3; The Sinks 1; Big Red Club VP 1; the Drive 2,1; College Bowl Team Captain 2,1; College Republicans 4,3,2,1

Football Quarterback #4 1,2,3,4; Baseball 4,3





**Thomas D. Wilson**  
*Delphi, IN*

*Air Force - Intl. Studies/French*



**Todd J. Wilson**  
*Bloomington, IL*

*Marine Corps - Psychology*



**Bryan D. Winter**  
*Suffolk, VA*

*Air Force - Computer Science*

It's amazing how fast these past four years have gone by. If someone had told me my senior year in high school that I would be where I am at today I would not have believed them. As I look back at these years and wonder where they went I can't help but think of the wonderful opportunities that have presented themselves to me and the amazing people that I met along the way. Being at this unique place afforded me the opportunity to be with some of the best people one could ever meet.

Case in point, my roommates. Brad and Jackson, without you guys I don't think I would have survived. You made this place a more enjoyable experience for me. Long live Club 155. To my Dykes Brian and Matt. Thank you for your guidance and support. You taught me a lot more about life than any professor could ever hope to teach. To my Rats John and Zack. Keep up the good work. Remember that VMI is a game, so learn the rules and play it well and I guarantee that you will eventually win.

I want to thank my parents for their unconditional love and support. Without you I would have never made it. I know that it took a lot of sacrifice for you to send me out here. Despite all of my complaints about this place, I am very appreciative of the opportunities given to me.

To my BR's, good luck in your future endeavors and God bless the Class of 2006.

First of all, I would like to thank VMI for teaching me one useful life lesson: I now know it is possible to do the very minimum amount of work at the very last moment possible and still be successful. This testimonial is due in about 20 minutes and I thought it was about time to start telling everyone about my wonderful experience here. Well that's not going to happen, so I will just go ahead and thank everyone for getting me through this place.

Mom and Dad, thanks for everything, the care and love you have shown are, priceless; all the money was nice too. Scotty, you've been a good little brother and you have helped me out along the way. To the rest of the family, thanks for everything. I couldn't have done it without you. To my roommates and friends, we've been through so much and you have all gotten me out of and into quite a bit of trouble these past 4 years. I love you all, but in a totally heterosexual kind of brotherly way.

Good luck to everyone, keep in touch, and remember, I'll always be there if you need me. To everyone still stuck here, keep your head down and mouth shut, stay out of trouble and most importantly, protect your friends; they have been there for you in the past, and they'll be there for you in the future.

There's a delightful image which explains why a sensible person to steer clear of politics. He sees else rushing into the street and getting soaked in the pouring rain. He can persuade them to go indoors and He knows if he went out too, he'd get equally wet. So he just stays in himself, and, as he can't do anything about other people's stupidity, comfort himself with the thought: 'Well, I'm anyway.'

-Sir Thomas More

Cpl 3, Reg. Color Sgt. 2, Reg. S2 Lt. 1, Reg Bond 4, CIG 2, Pre-Law Club 1, Racquetball Club 1

VMI Boxing Team-1,2,3,4; Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society

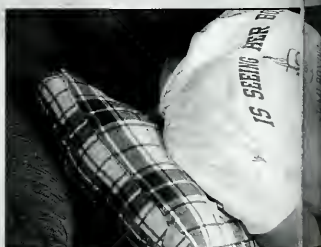
Powerlifting Club; Cadet Investment Cadet Academic Mentor



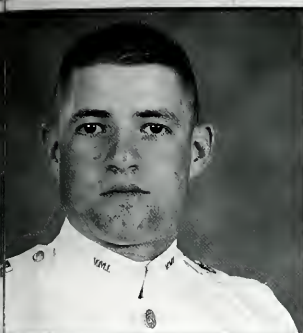
**Brian Holt**  
*Youngsma*



**2003: A.J. Schmauss**  
**2009: Mark Turner**



**2003: Daniel Whitehead**  
**2009: John Phelps, Mike Reynolds**



**Paul G. Witherspoon**  
Mount Pleasant, TX

Corps - Intl. Studies/ Arabic  
"Spoon"



**Sean A. Wolf**  
Bloomington, IL

Army - History  
"Wolfy, Tooley, Coco"



**James F. Woodard II**  
LeRoy, NY

Air Force - International Studies

was born in Texas and grew up in the woods with a toy rifle and a helmet. After that I graduated to a real rifle, real helmet, and they will pay me to do it. I love this country USMC.

So now I find that my four year internment at the "Mother I" has ended. Looking back, I find I can thank VMI for a few great memories, some good, and a lot of absolutely horrible ones. Aside from a bit of cynicism, social retardation, and an affinity for seeing things set on fire, there is one thing that I have taken from this place that goes beyond the castle-like barracks and double-wide trailer in front of Crozet. I am a part of a group of people that have all experienced the same hardships and victories; they have helped me get through this place as I can only hope I have done for them. It is the members of the Class of 2006 that made this place worth returning to furlough after furlough, friends that I hope to have for the rest of my life. To my roommates, friends and Brother Rats, I wish the very best; and to the rest of you, I wish no specific harm.

Thank you to my family, especially my Mother who made untold sacrifices to ensure her son was able to go to college. And thank you Andrea, for sharing me for three years with the Institute, your optimism and support saw me through; to the members of Room 124, and the Chicago Embassy, thanks for a great time.

Seeing the pride in my parents' eyes when I was able to see them these past four years is worth more than any diploma could ever mean. Some words for my family: Dad - I don't know where to begin. You always have been and always will be the one I strive to live up to. Mom- Thank you for always being there for me. Jared- thanks for understanding why I haven't been around a lot the last four years, while I was setting the bar for you. Justin, Mike, Philthy- you guys are more than I could have ever asked for in roommates. Musketeers (JA, JK) - you two are the best friends I have ever had. Not to mention the craziest. Dudes- I never doubted one second that you were all there for me. Rats- you have proudly represented 144. Keep your priorities straight at the "I" friends, grades and sense of humor. Not many people can say they have hovered over a pool of sweat, arms shaking violently, on the verge of passing out, with their very best friends.

To quote the famous Robus Maximus: "No matter what the future holds for VMI the walls of this place will always be covered by the invisible paint of OUR times TOGETHER, good and bad, which have made us who we are today."  
-DUDES IN HEAT

FI Society

Rugby 4,3,2,1; Cadre 3,2; RDC 1



2003: Joshua Gonzales



2003: Chris Bowman  
2009: Michael Hunter



2003: Rob McClean  
2009: London Crounse





**Boyd T. Worley**  
Cerro Gordo, NC

*Army - History*



**Justin H. Woulfe**  
Maurertown, VA

*Air Force - Electrical Engineering*



**Brian W. Yannet**  
Chesapeake, VA

*Air Force - Electrical Engineering*  
"Yeti"

Our revels now are ended. These our actors,  
As I foretold you, were all spirits, and  
Are melted into air, into thin air:  
And, like the baseless fabric of this vision,  
The cloud-capp'd towers,  
The gorgeous palaces,  
The solemn temples, the great globe itself,  
Yea, all which it inherit, shall dissolve,  
And, like this insubstantial pageant faded,  
Leave not a rack behind. We are such stuff  
As dreams are made on; and our little life  
Is rounded with a sleep.

The Tempest. Act IV, Sc. 1

First, I'd just like to say thanks to all of those people who kept pushing me on. There have been many times during my incarceration that I have thought about escaping, and to those who have stood by me and put up with all my bullshit I'd like to say thank you.

To my parents, thank you for always being there for me. Without you all, this place would have been so much worse. You are both amazing people and I am proud to call you my parents. Now get some sleep because I'm alive and safe, you can stop worrying.

To my rats, I say this. Use my experiences as an example. Strive to be your best, but don't let it weigh you down. Work hard and always keep plenty of coffee on hand.

To Woody, Hitler and Filthy, it has been a great ride. I will miss waking up with the Dudes every morning. Take care of yourselves; we are destined to do great things.

To JA, JK, Wob and the rest of the Dudes, I love you guys, but give me my stuff back.

To Panama, Chido, and the rest, it's been cool. Couldn't have done it without you all.

To all the underclassmen, remember that stress is the catalyst to success.

Finally, to KC the love of my life, I can't wait to begin the rest of our lives together.

As I sit here to write this as a minute thing it dawns on me that the way I am going to be able to meet the people and events that I want a few key people like my roommate and brother Will Davis. From being to working on ring figure fundraising to room 115, and to nights at his house were always witty and fun times. Camper was a bit quiet when I first but he became one of the best friends. roommates I will ever have even without showing off his "guns" or defending with a mechanical pencil.

And then there is Scotty Burr, my friend, my practice partner, and my roommate. I spent almost every day with this guy and I don't think the grind stone and work hard. Do this place get ya down and keep going because in the end it is so very worth it. I will not meet a better group of friends. find someplace that gets you ready

Baseball 4; Rugby 2,1



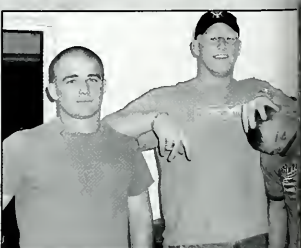
2001  
2000

Rugby Club President/Captain; IEEE; AFCEA; Eta Kappa Nu Honor Society; Cadet Waiter



2003: Craig Blackwood  
2009: Mark Gliebe, Allen Kim

Wrestling 4,3,2



2003: Blake Traina  
2009: Mervin Barrow



**Michael C. Yeo**  
Billerica, MA

*Corps - International Studies*  
"Snuffy, Yo. Lil' Guy"



**Bryan W. Yerger**  
Reading, PA

*Marine Corps - International Studies*  
"LD, Silliest of Sillies"



**Andrew R. Yeskie**  
Albemarle, NC

*Army - Electrical Engineering*

hard to sum up 4 years of with some of the best friends I'll have, in 225 words, but I'll give it a rollercoaster ride at VMI. A fair share of ups and downs, but coming out on top. From all nighters, in the block (a lot) with the boys, in good. The roomies; Jeff, Derek, Carney; we always managed to do the most of nothing and have a lot of fun. Couldn't have made it through without you; Carney: thanks for being there when I'm causing trouble on campus; Derek: have another beer, man. The rest of my boys in Echo and J. Canning, the Polish racket and you guys made this place worth for all the laughs boys. Yo hockey 'knockin' some heads on the ice, how we roll. Thanks for everything Dad, couldn't have made it without you guys.

Well, looking back on all my years here, I wouldn't change a thing leaving this place with no regrets. If I knew it was all worth it. Thanks for the boys.

First and foremost, this four year long journey could not have been possible without the love and support from my mom and dad. They have been there every step of the way and I can not be more grateful. In retrospect, VMI has connected me with some of the closest friends that I will ever have; from my roommates to my track comrades. At points, it has been a difficult journey, but one worth living and telling.

In addition, I would like to personally thank my roommates of room 112. You all have kept me sane and represented the Silly Squad to the utmost degree. To my track friends, especially the "Death Squad;" thanks for being there each and everyday and making sure that we consistently gave 110%. You all will not be forgotten. To Hamid, this place may seem as if time slowly moves along, but before you know it, you will be in my shoes writing this letter. Just keep your head up and eventually you will figure out that you HAVE made the right choice. Thanks for all that you have done for me; you went far beyond the minimum rat standards. One last note: It has been real. It has been fun. But it was not real fun.

After four years at VMI I have realized that I am a completely different person then I was on matriculation day four years ago. Nothing can truly prepare you for the difficulties and pressures that one experiences here. For this reason I have to thank my parents for always being supportive of me. Without them I couldn't have made it here.

To my Electrical Engineering Brother Rats, I have been very privileged to be able to work with such a group of dedicated students. I would like to thank you for putting up with me, and always being there for me when I had a problem. To our rats, I am very proud of you all, and I am very grateful for the time we shared together. I leave you with this one tip. You can make your cadetship anything you want it to be as long as you are willing to put everything you have into it. To all my roommates, I will never forget you. I will never be able to thank you enough for putting up with me.

As I look back on my memories of VMI, I will think back on the many wonderful experiences and friends that I have made here. VMI is not always a great place to be, but it is a great place to be from.

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#### NCAA Track and Field



2003: Mike Haag  
2009: Benjamin Kimsey



2003: Seth Ostlund  
2009: Hamid Abdurrahim



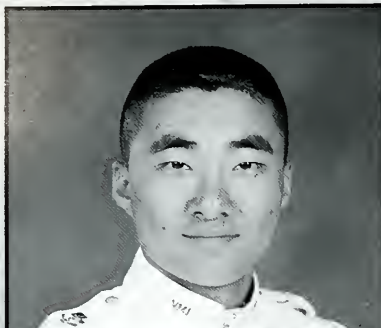
2003: Slobodan Stipic  
2009: Nicholas Kriz





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Frankfort, IL

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**Henry S. Zhang**  
Flushing, NY

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**Douglas E. Ziegen**  
Virginia Beach, VA

*Army - History*  
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The past 4 years of my life have been hands down the most memorable. I never thought in a million years I would have accomplished so many things at VML. Through the ups, the downs, the laughter, the sadness, the leisure, and the stress my BR's were always there. I can't thank you enough for everything Brother Rats.

To my roommates, John and Clint, where do I begin? It has been a true honor. What a ride this has been. We have made so many memories that will last a lifetime. We have been with each other our entire cadetship and we have carried each other every step of the way. Know I will always be here for you guys for the rest of our lives.

To my parents, thanks for your support and believing in me. I couldn't have accomplished my hopes and goals without you two in my life. To my rats, Chuck, Kevin, and Nick, keep on fighting the good fight. Believe me, it was all worth it in the end. I wouldn't have given this experience up for the world.

To TERROR SQUAD and the TRIAD, all I can say is it's been a blast hanging out and studying with you guys. I know we will all accomplish great things in our lifetime.  
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I still remember all the days that I and the rest of the night team had to spend with Powers. Although those days are long gone, my feelings toward my Brother Rats in Echo Company are still the same. I am honored to know each and everyone of you. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all my roommates. Without them this VML journey would be impossible.

Berman: I am glad that I picked you as my rat over the others. Come back home safe- that is the most important thing. I will always remember the days that we spent together. Hingley: Make sure you maintain that 3.5 GPA. I know you gonna do really well at VML and in life.

Well, here it is, the end of the first order of business. Thanks are the first order of business. I'd like to thank God first, closely followed by my family. I'd like to thank all of my friends back home for supporting me, listening to all my "moto" stories when I was out, and an upperclassman, and making my time away from "that place" as enjoyable as possible.

And then there are my Brother Rats. My roommates of the last two years, Dave, Joe, and Nolan: you guys have been awesome. It's been a whole lot of good times so far and I'm sure we'll have more to come; and anytime we had a problem that couldn't be solved by harassing a Delta Co. brother rat: this has been quite a ride. Not as many people as the train as left the station, but we stuck together and made sure the company was just as good, if not better, than it was when we got here.

And finally, to my Brother Rats of the Class of 2006 in general, to the time we've had here at VML defies words. Here's to what we've done and here's to what we'll do:  
"The question isn't what are we going to do, the question is what aren't we going to do."

Class Treasurer, Cadet Investment Group,  
Powerlifting Club, Club Soccer



2002: Dayton Brown  
2009: Daniel Hingley

Ranger Company 3; Cadet Investment  
Group 3,2



2003: Howard Ho  
2009: Daniel Hingley



2003: J.D. Longest  
2009: Richard Newkirk, And





Joseph K. Zyra, Jr.  
Chesapeake, VA

Air Force - History  
"Zero, Joey Z, Red"

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for 2003, by Weston Swank, who  
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2003: Kenny Stein  
Alexander Doseff, Ryan McCormick







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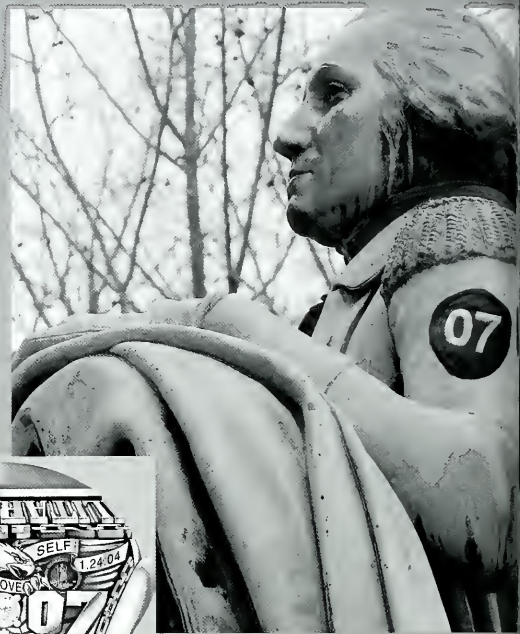
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# The Class of 2000





### **The General Committee Officers of the Class of 2007**

Vice President: Richard Meredith

President: Jamaal Walton

Historian: Grayson Ernst

Since arriving at VMI, our journey has taken us down a stoop each year, bringing us closer to the real world. Graduation has always seemed an eternity away. However, now, as we move closer to ground level and begin the preparations for our culminating year at VMI, it will soon be our responsibility to run barracks and instill in our rats our dyke-line tradition of excellence. We have been challenged to succeed in a system which is the most difficult and intense in the nation.

In Virginia, the rigors of VMI are legendary. The ratline and muddy hill have been admired by all those who know what this school is about. In a desire for challenge, we signed the matriculation book and struggled through the ratline. The difficulties encountered have proven invaluable as life lessons have been learned. After the ratline, many of us thought that the only new challenge was going to be the academic workload, but within weeks, we quickly re-evaluated our plight. The rigors had only begun, as the system pushed us harder than ever before.

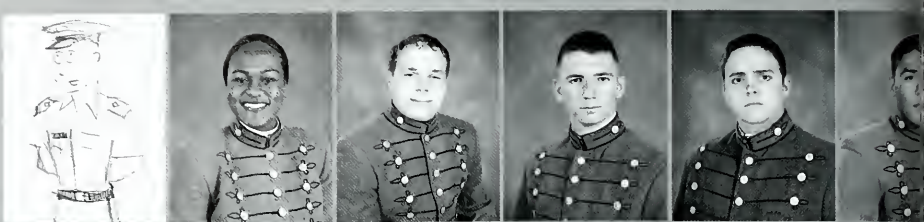
These experiences, though difficult, certainly made Ring Figure sweet as our class received the first fruit of its labors. With a rousing speech from Sergeant Major Hockaday, our Brother Rat unity was at an all-time high as Master Sergeant Perdue and now First Sergeant Mercardante, our Honorary Brother Rats, joined in the festivities.

Ring Figure was a great experience that has added to a good year which continues to get better. With our final and best year ahead of us, who knows what the Class of 2007 will accomplish?

Class of 2007 Historian  
Grayson Ernst



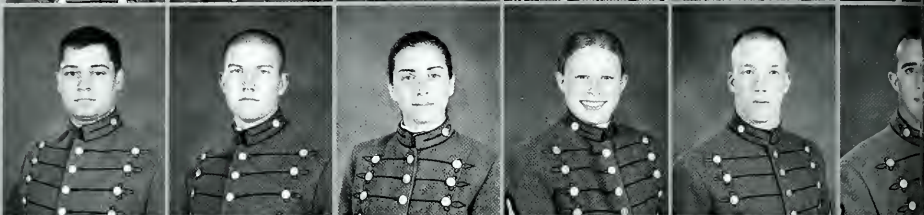
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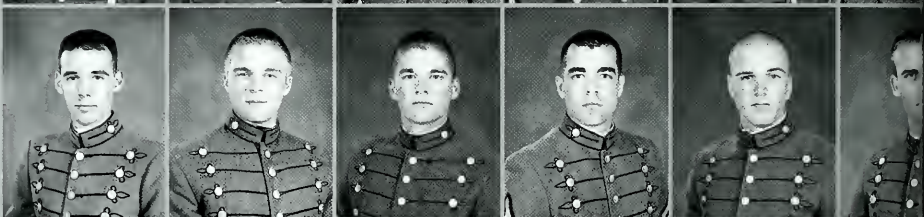
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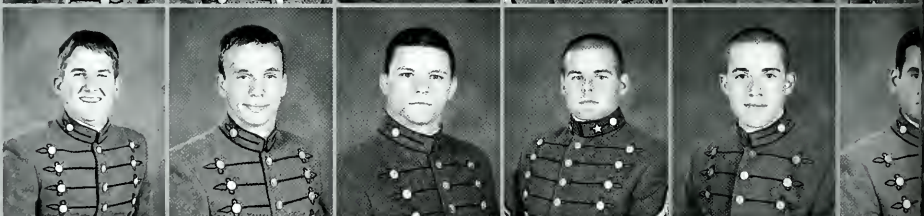
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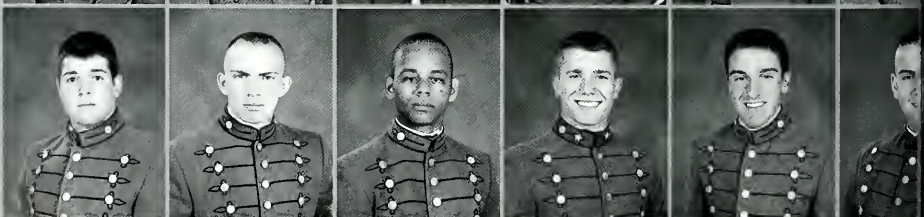
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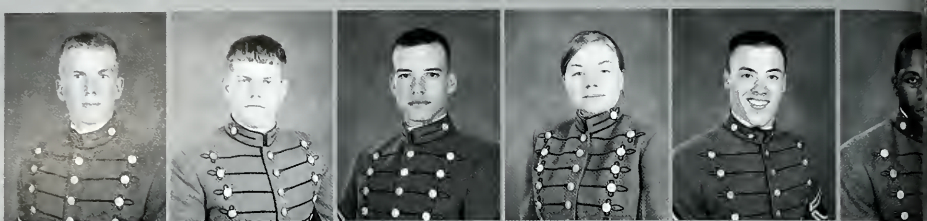
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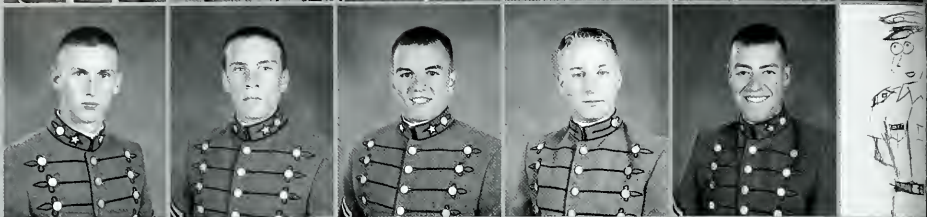
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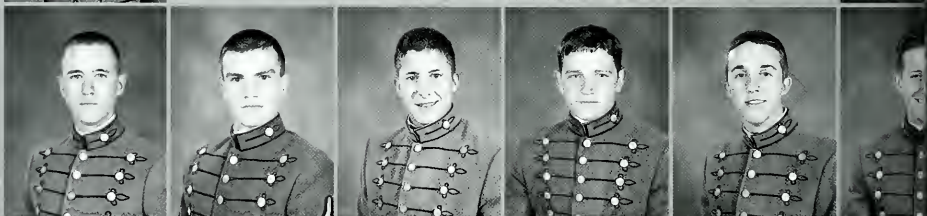
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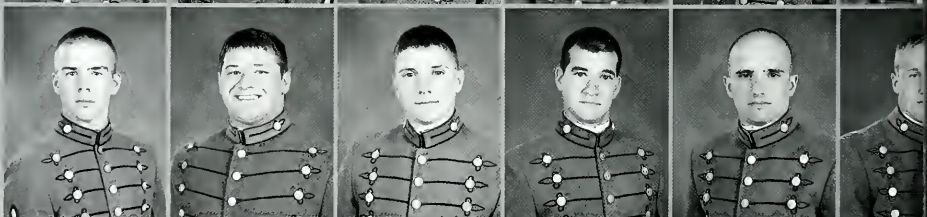
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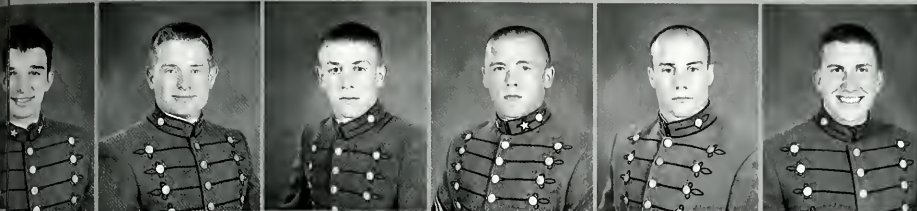
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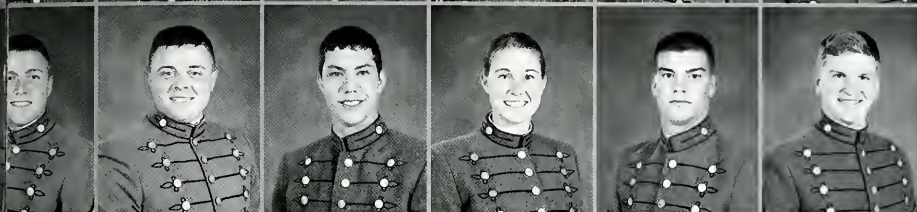
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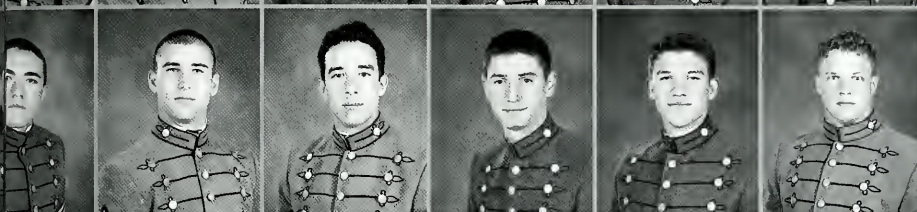




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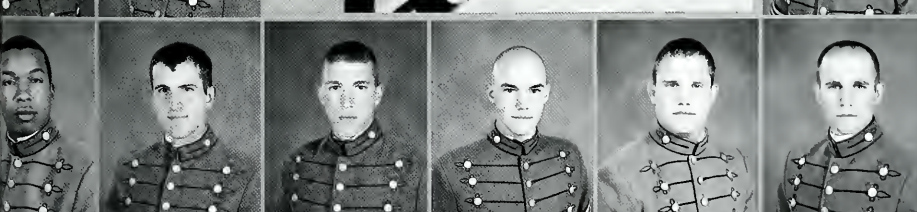
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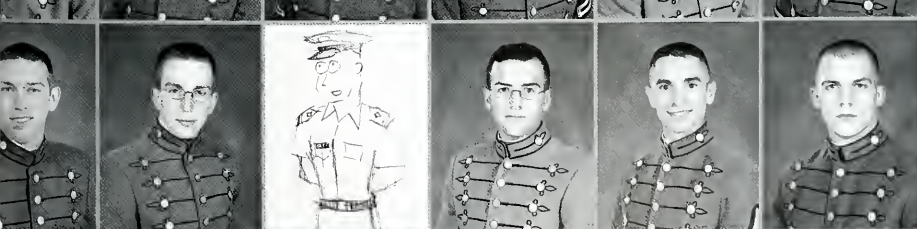
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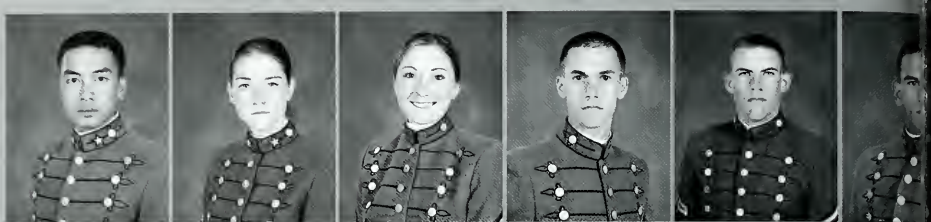
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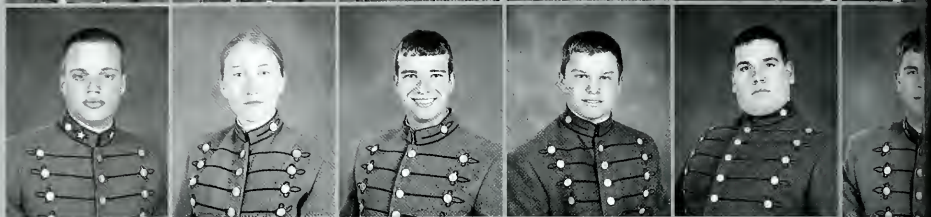
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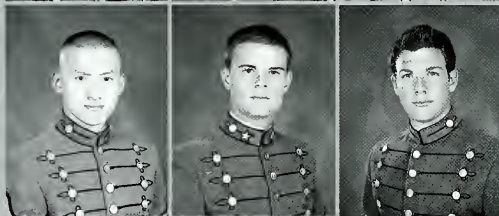
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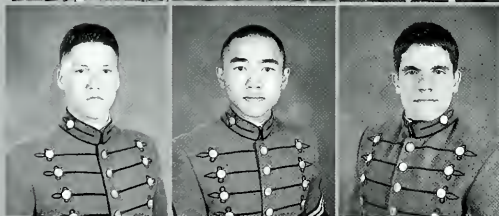
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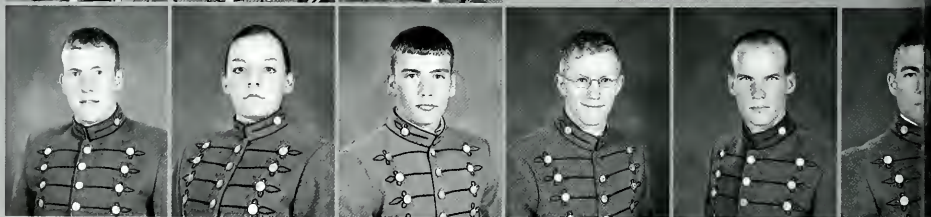
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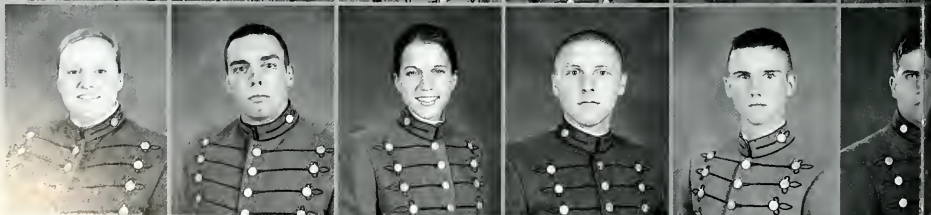
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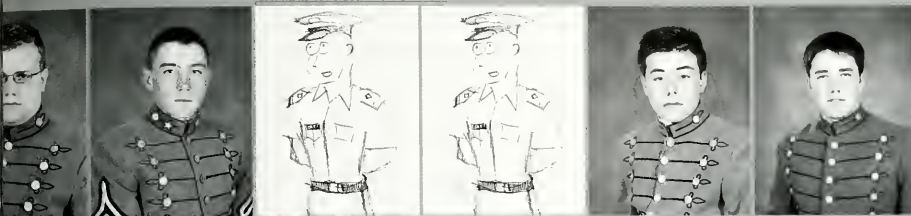


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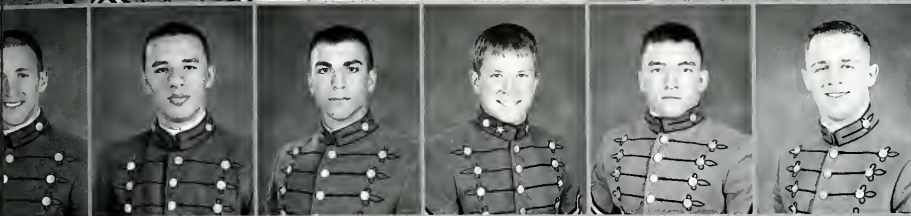


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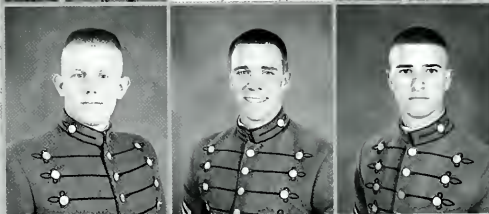
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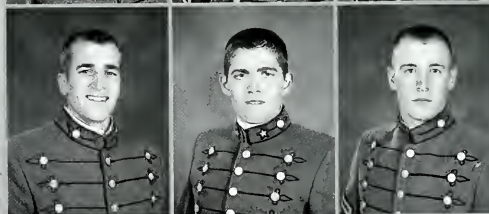
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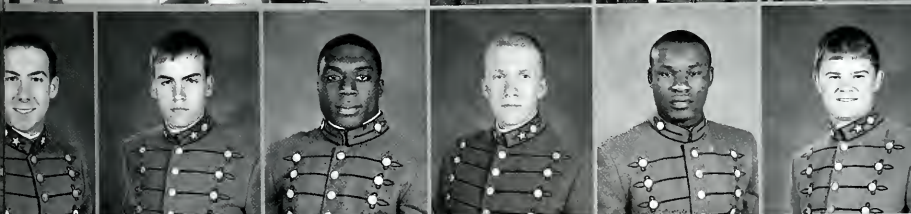
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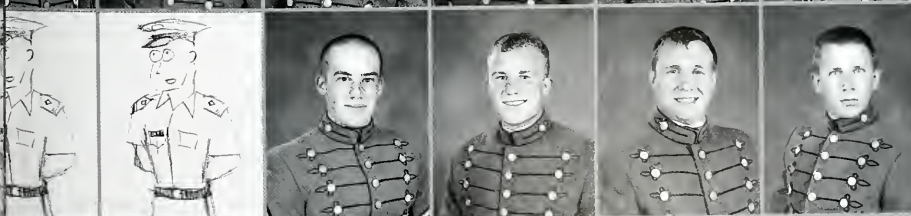
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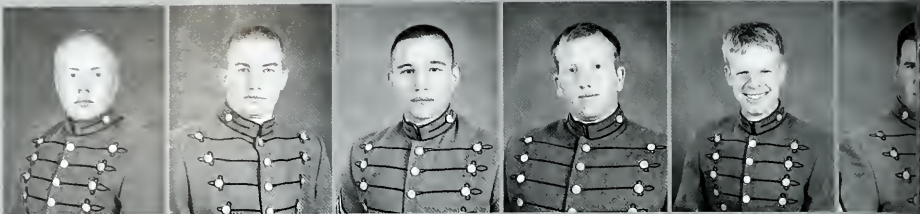
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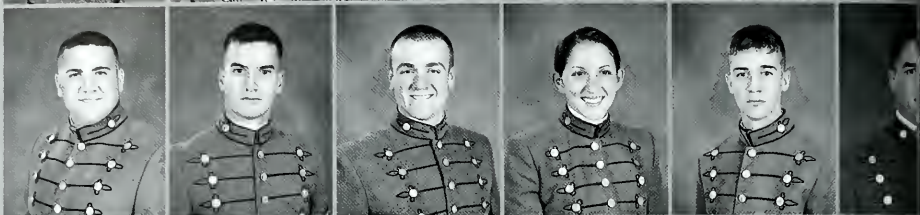
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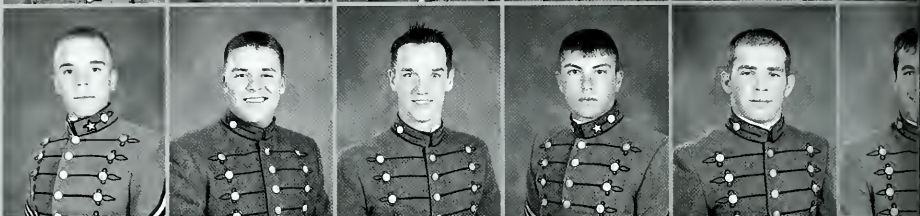
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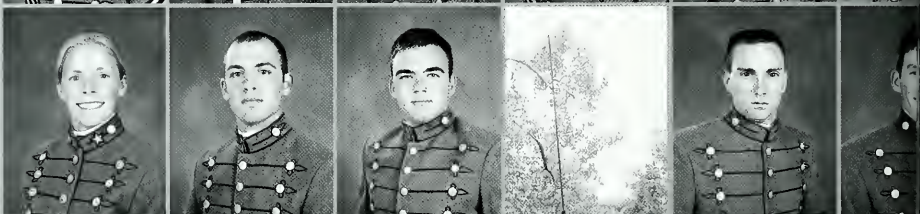
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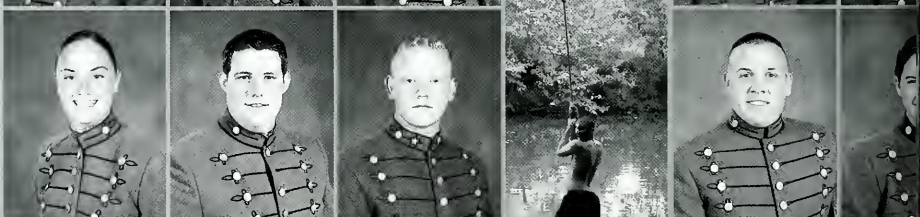
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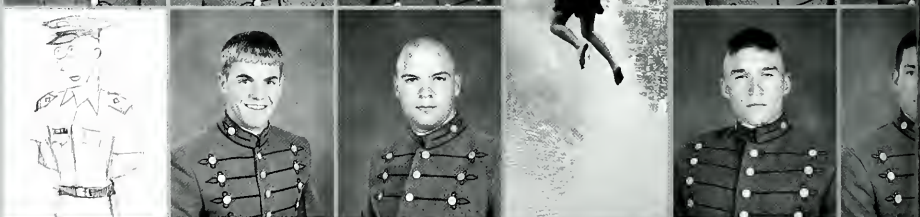
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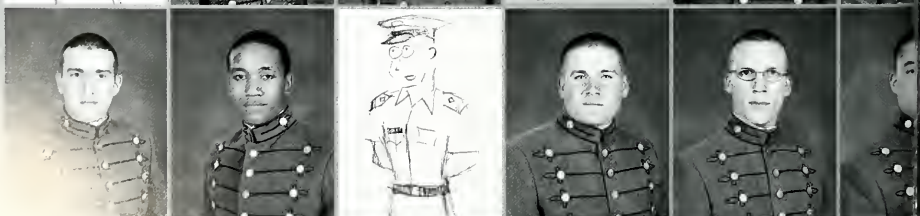
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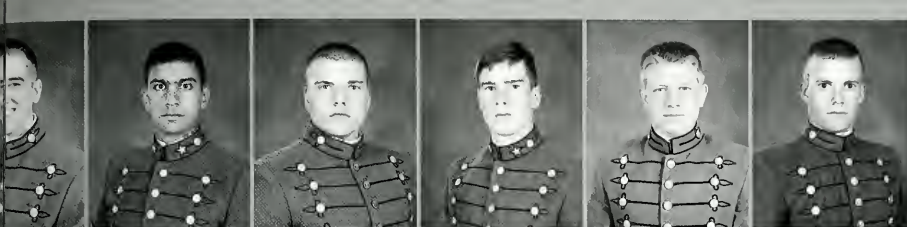
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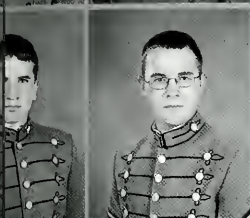
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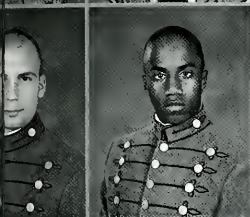
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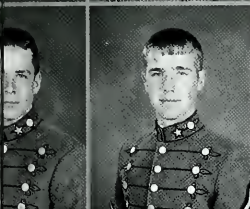
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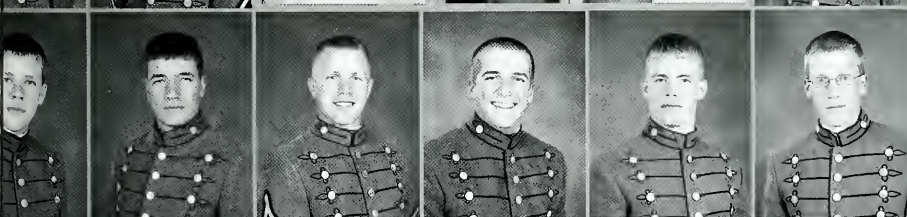
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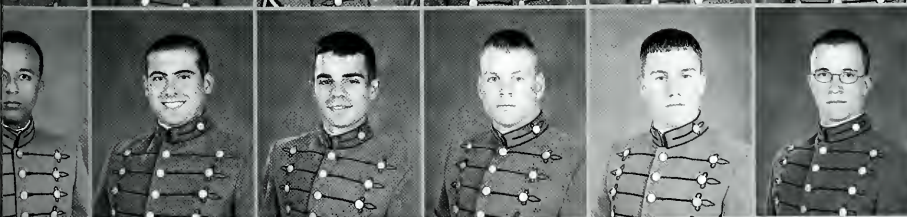
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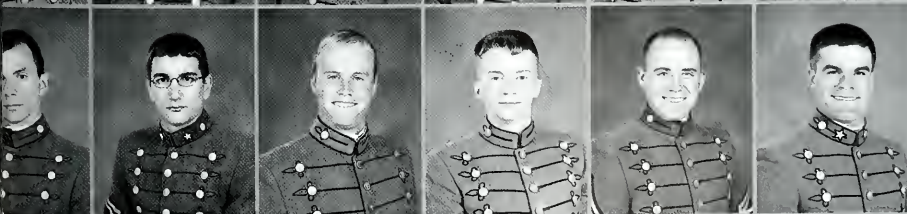
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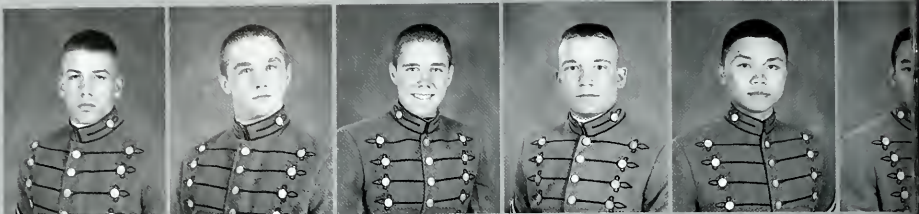


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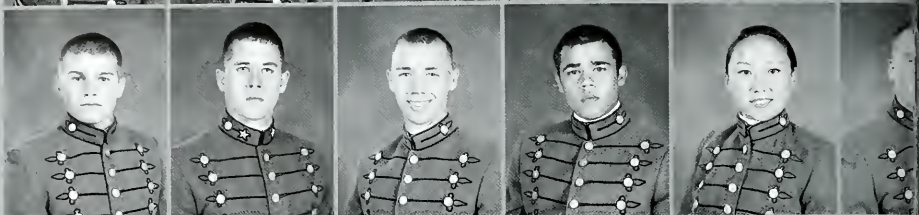




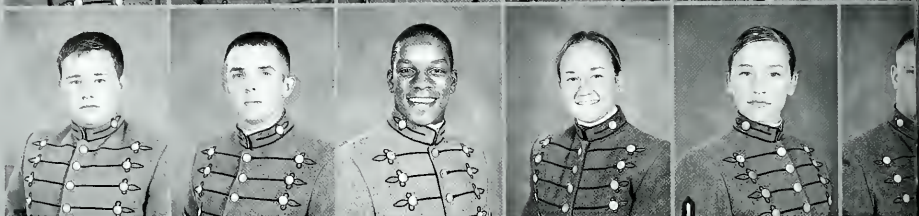
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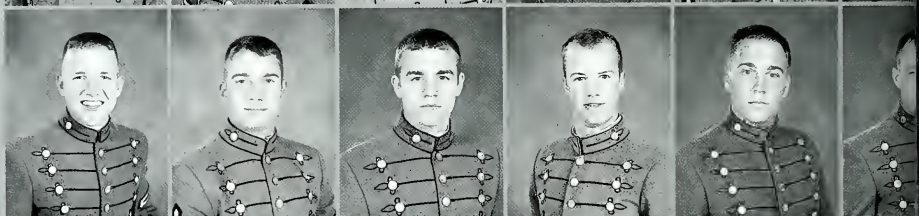
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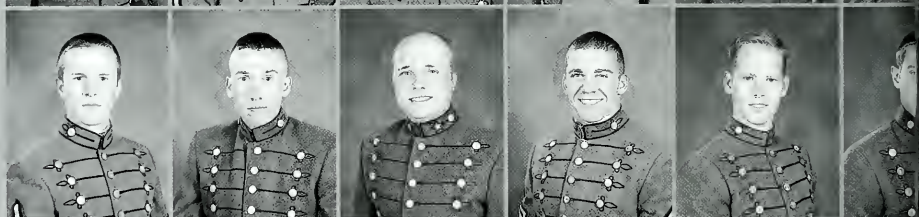
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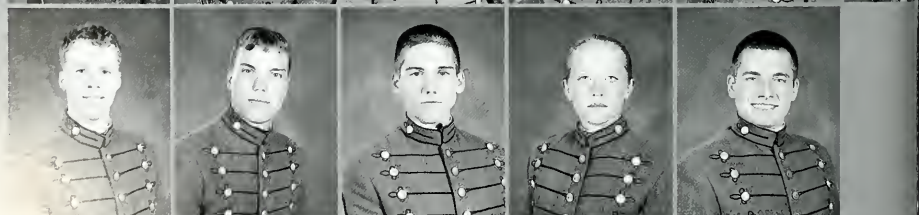
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# Ring Figure 2007



Some say that Ring Figure is the greatest milestone second only to graduation. Others say it's better than graduation knowing that one's best friends, their brother rats, are within a minute's walk away. All the pomp and circumstance not tempered with farewells, instead the brother rat sprint is given another chance to flourish.

This ceremony is no simple matter and nothing is taken for granted. Many challenges were faced along the way but it was all the sweeter in the end.



The first challenge was creating an eye-catching design.



The next problem was, of course, finding



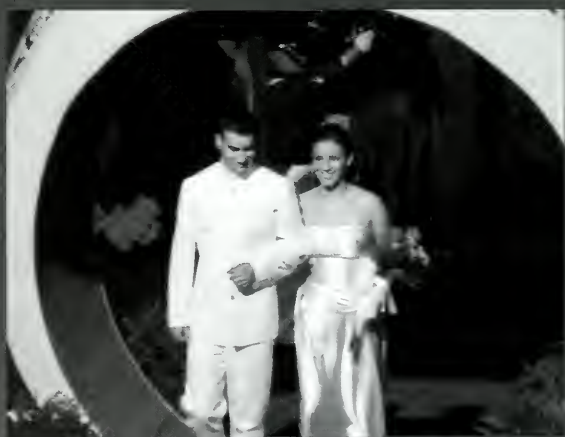
*But, after some strange ritual practices...*



*Rings were received...*



*Speeches were made...*



*We reveled in our few moments of fame...*



*Relaxed for a while...*

*And added some color into our lives...*



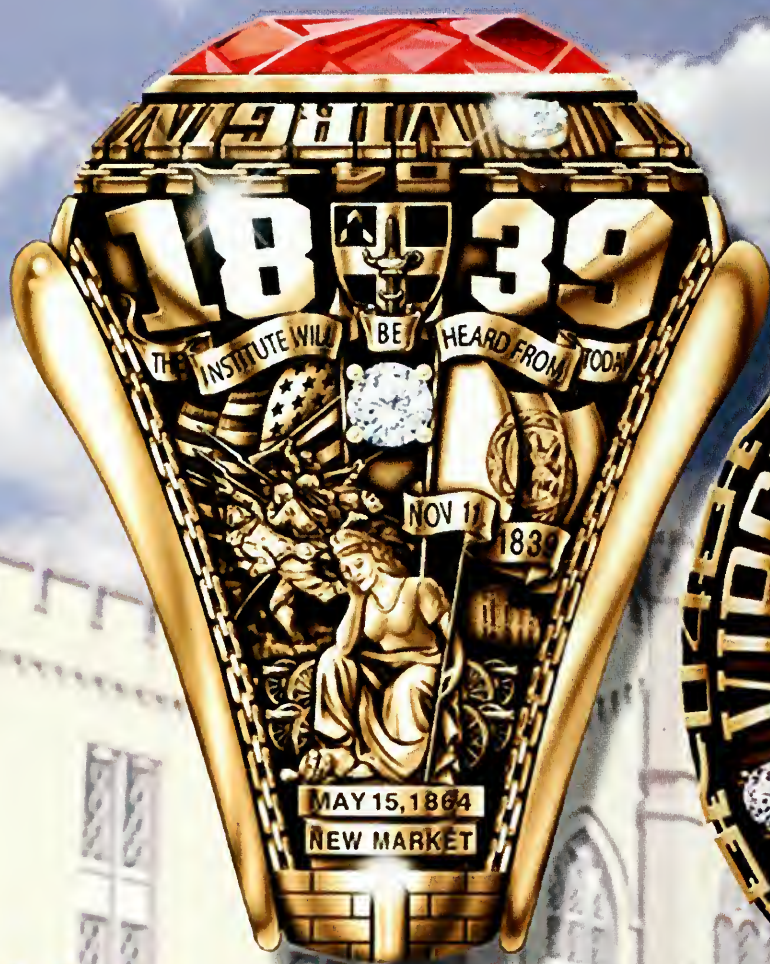








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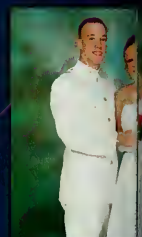
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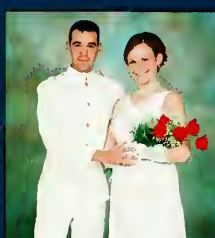
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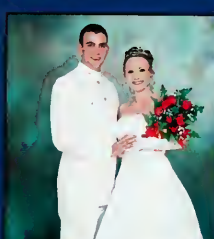
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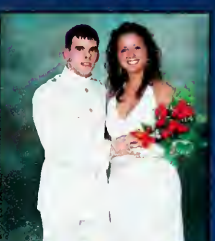
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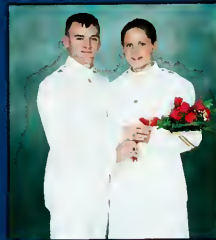




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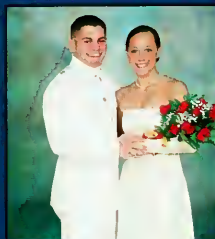
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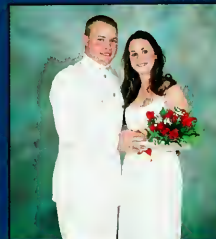
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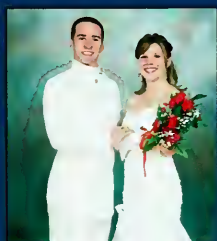
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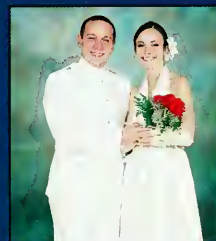
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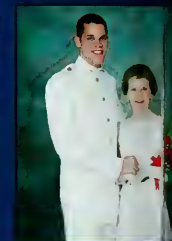
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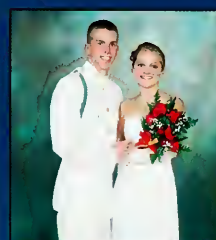
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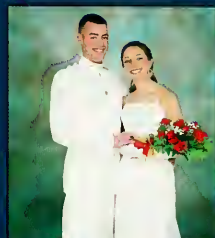
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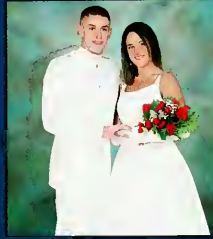
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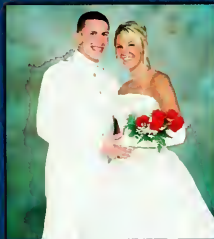
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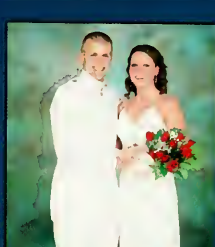
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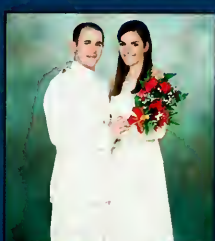
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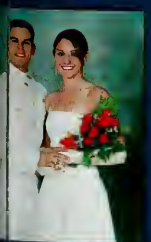
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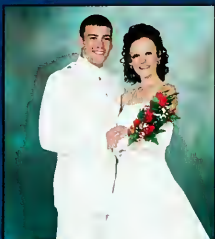
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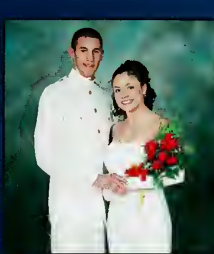


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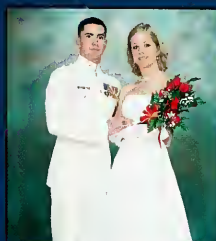
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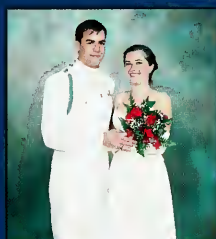
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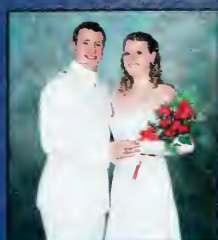


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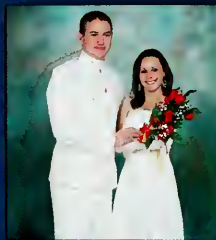
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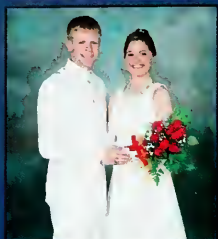
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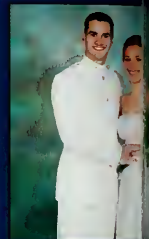
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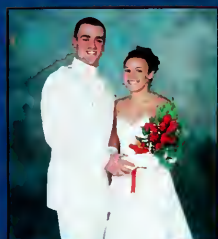
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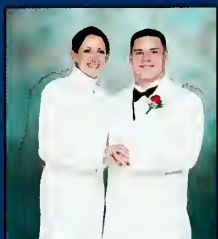
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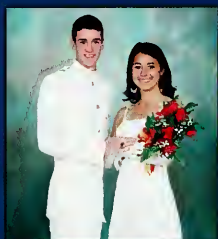
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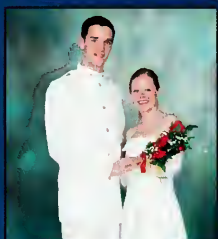
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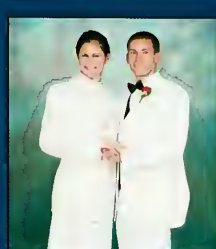
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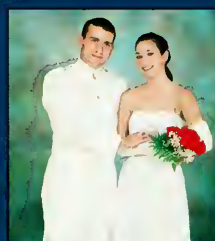
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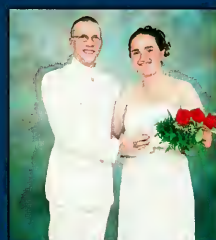
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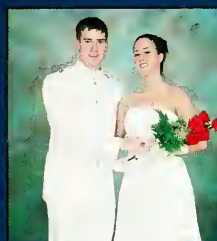
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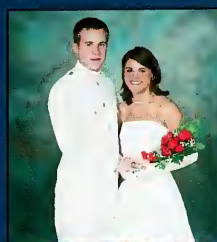
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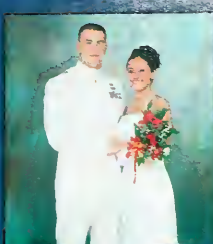


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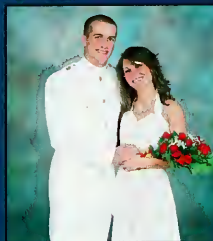
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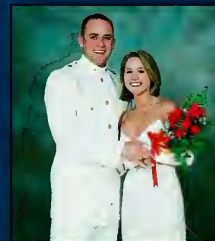
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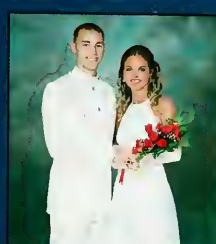
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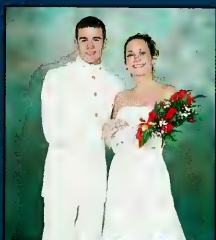
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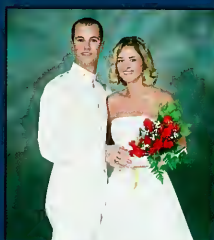
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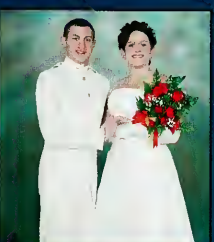
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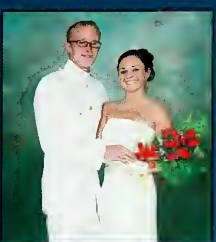
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# Honorary Brother Rats



*GySgt Luke J. Mercardante*

(the Class of 2007,

I want to extend my deepest appreciation for the letter you all sent me dated 13 April 2005 in which you defined my Brother Rat and what he or she should exemplify. The definition and explanation of what an Honorary Brother Rat means to you makes this title an even greater honor.

VMI and this great Institution has also played a significant role in my life and I am truly grateful for the opportunity to be associated with such a prestigious, honorable and respectable institution. From the day you all matriculated, as you were the Class I witnessed take on this great challenge, I developed a deep respect and admiration for each of you and those who wear the VMI uniform. Later on, as I became even more involved in the daily life of a VMI cadet, my respect and admiration for you multiplied ten-fold as you are all truly unique and individuals. I learned that your loyalty and leadership is unquestioned and, as in the Marine Corps, your sense of pride and brotherhood is stronger than any other group within society.

I am truly honored and proud to have been selected to be an official member of your class with the permanent connection to each of you and the Great Mother I. Keeping the spirit of the Brother Rat, I will represent you and your class at all times in the most professional and respectable manner. As an ambassador for VMI, be an individual that any of you can count on at any time, and wear your class ring with great pride.

I humbly accept your invitation to be an Honorary Brother Rat and to wear your class ring at Ring Figure next year. Thank you again, as this is one of the greatest honors of my life after being called myself a Christian, a father, and a United States Marine.

Fi Brother Rats!

Luke J. Mercardante

2017



*MSG James E. Perdue*

Brother Rats,

I am not a "Joiner;" I rarely commit willingly to anything unless I can resolve to do so fully. As many of you know, I have spent the bulk of my adult life in the Ranger Regiment. I enjoyed being a member of a society in which the concepts of Honor, Integrity, and Excellence were given meaning in lieu of lip service. I did not expect to find such a place again in my life.

When I reported to VMI, I was less than thrilled with the prospect. I had returned from Iraq less than sixty days prior to arriving here, and had been looking forward to returning there within nine months. I had no desire to cater to college students who had no desire to serve anything but themselves. Fortunately, that was not what I found when I arrived. The first cadets I encountered from the Institute were members of '07, serving as corporals during STP. I was impressed by many things about them, but I especially remember their motivation and desire to excel.

I settled into VMI and focused on coaching and teaching. When I first received the letter stating my selection as your HBR, I thought it was a joke instigated by one of my co-workers. I believe I eventually kicked in Jamaal's door to verify its accuracy. Once verified, I knew I had to make a decision.

Brother Rats, I have found the Class of 2007 to be a society in which the concepts of Honor, Integrity, and Excellence have meaning. I have watched you maintain these values and thrive, despite poor examples of such surrounding you. You move forward with determination, maintaining a positive (often delightfully sarcastic) attitude. I am honored to be counted among your number, and am proud to have you as friends and comrades. I enjoyed Ring Figure, look forward to Graduation, and I fully intend to be present at the 50th reunion. Thank you again for your nomination, now we need to get everyone to graduation successfully.

Respectfully,

James E. Perdue II  
MSG, USA

P.S. I sincerely apologize for the egos I was required to crush at the beer pong table. Time will heal those wounds.





















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# The Class of 2008



Marching Another Parade



Another Hungry Rat

## Memorandum:

To: LTC Levenson

From: Class of 2008

Subject: Ring Figure Permit

Sir,

It is respectfully requested that next year the second class be permitted to have a "Ring Figure," as has been traditional in years past.

*see Me  
-L*



Denied

Awaiting Another Bone



### **The General Committee Officers of the Class of 2008**

Vice President: Tyler Anthony

President: Jason Webb

Historian: Travis Light

From August 21, 2004 to February 2, 2005, the Class of 2008 was born. From Matriculation Day and Hell Week to sweat parties and Fake Out, we undertook our transformation as a class with honor and dignity. We are the Rat Mass of '05 molded into the Class of 2008, something which we are all proud to be.

As many of us have found out, the third class year has proven to be just as difficult as the ratline. We've come to the realization that rat classes are long gone as we start to wade into the deeper waters that is the VMI Education. We sport our new chevrons around Post, for we have taken more important roles within the Corps. Most importantly, we have continued the tradition of excellence our dykes implanted in us. It is evident that we are the rats of '05, for every Brother Rat I see correcting a rat, I hear the teachings of Mr. Perry, Mr. King, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Gleaton, and many others echoing throughout barracks once again.

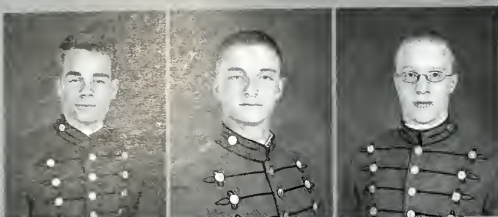
Most of us forget how important the third class year actually is. Throughout the year we have excelled and grown into a formidable class as our Brother Rats now represent us on the RDC, and have taken hold in the sacred Honor Court. By next November, we will all be showing off our rings.

Brother Rats, we are well on our way. We have two more years to continue making our impact on this Institute we call home, and believe me when I tell you the Institute will be heard from by the time we're done with it.

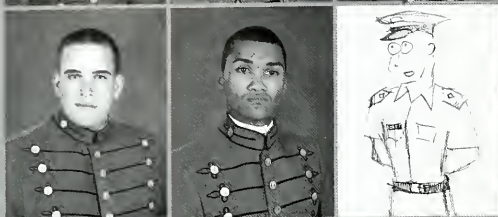
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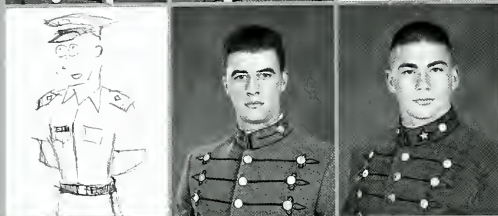
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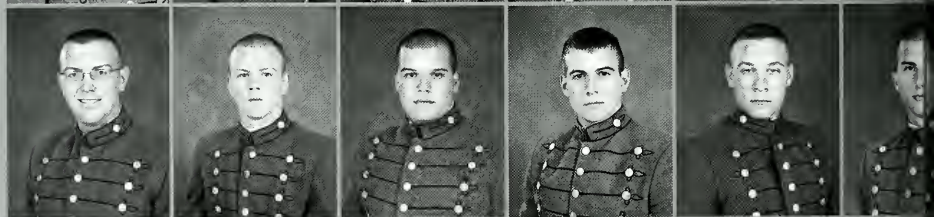
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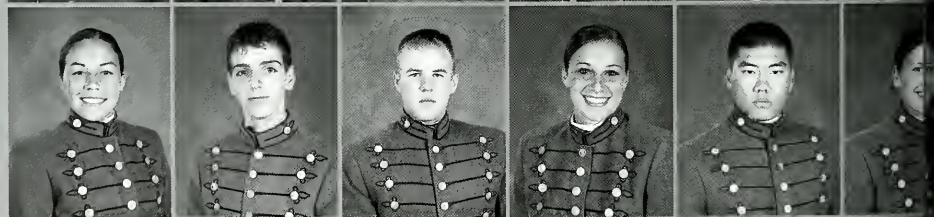
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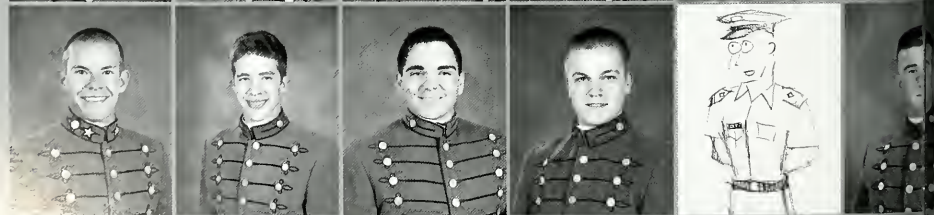
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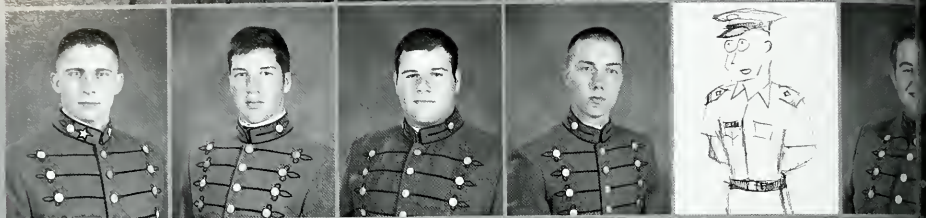
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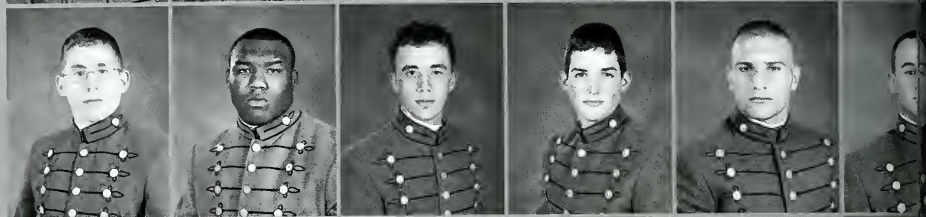
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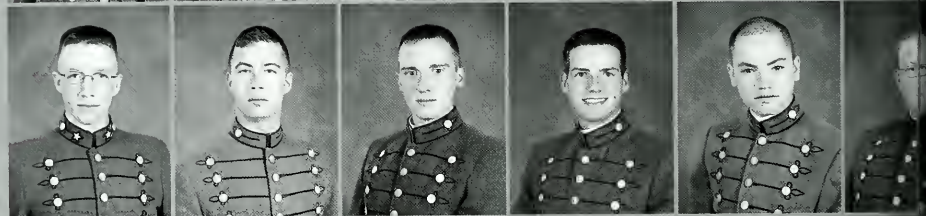
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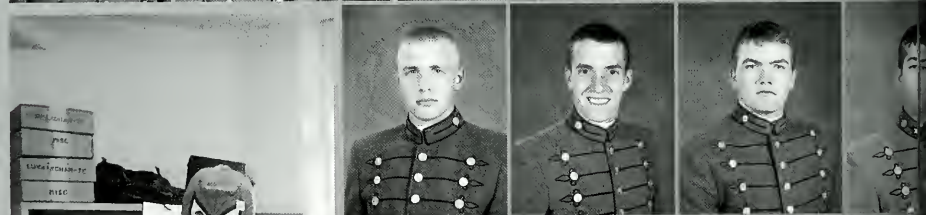
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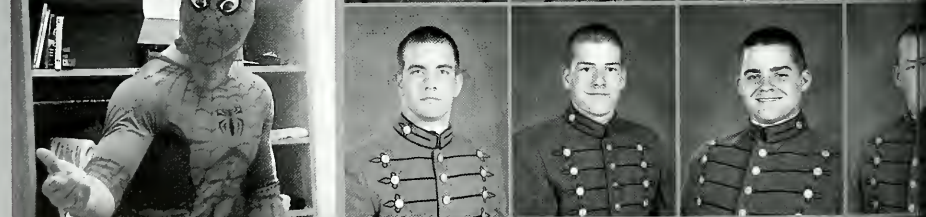
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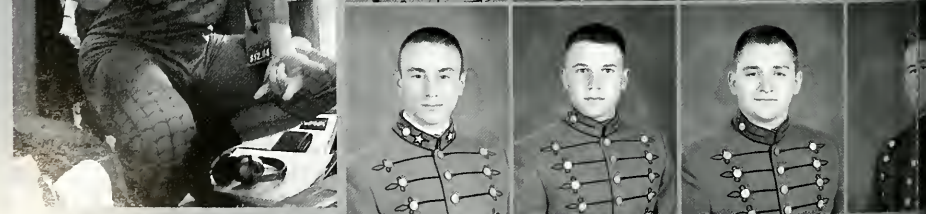
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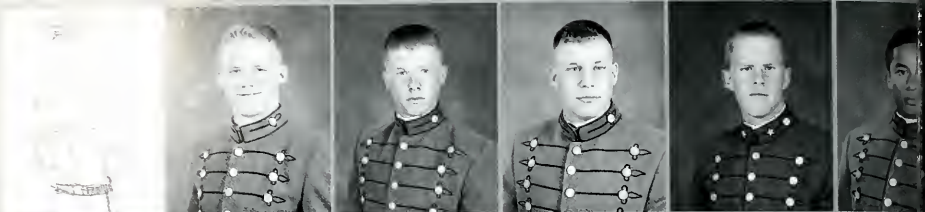
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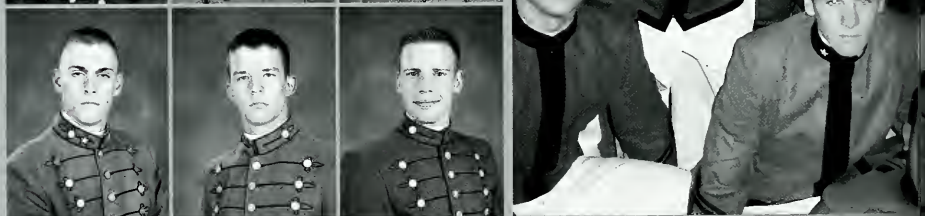
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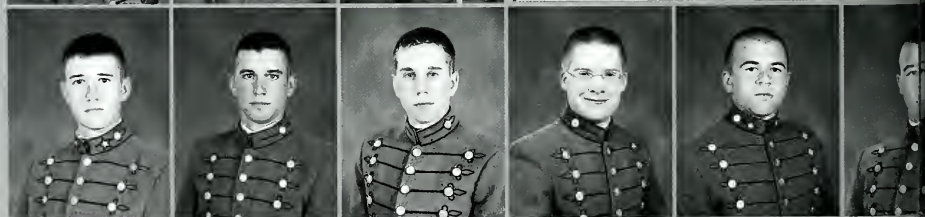
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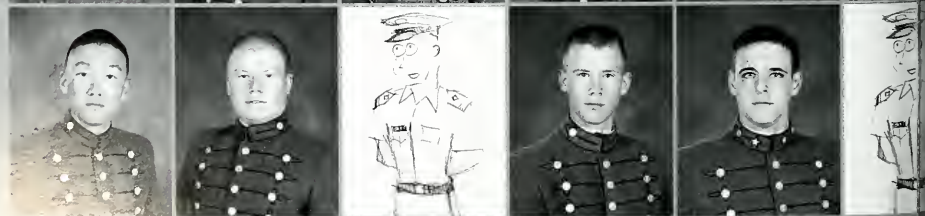
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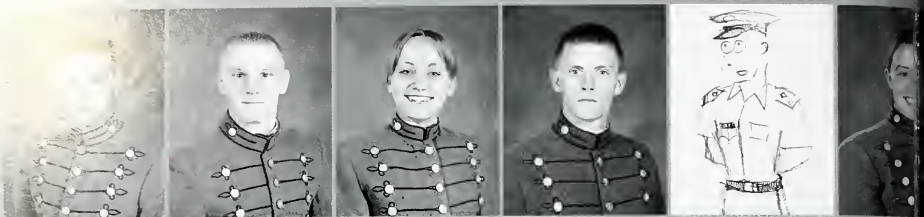
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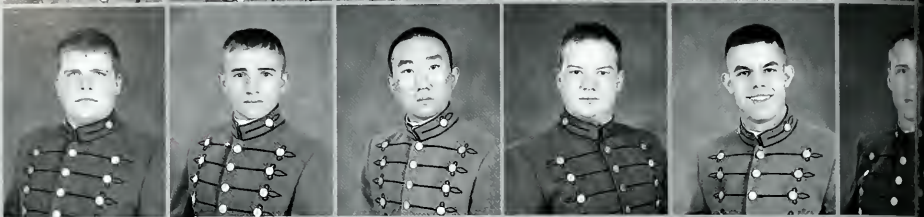
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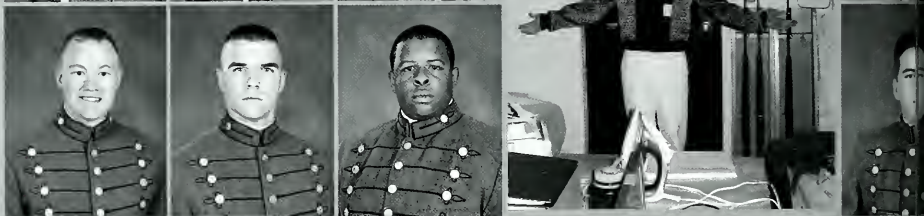
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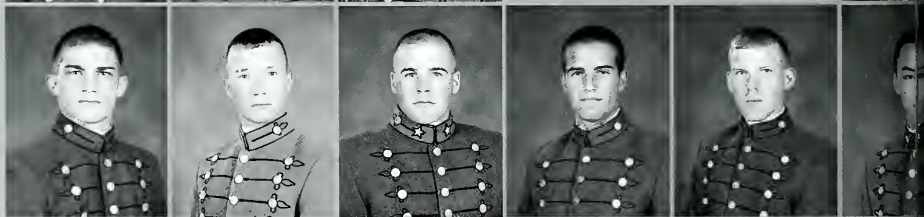
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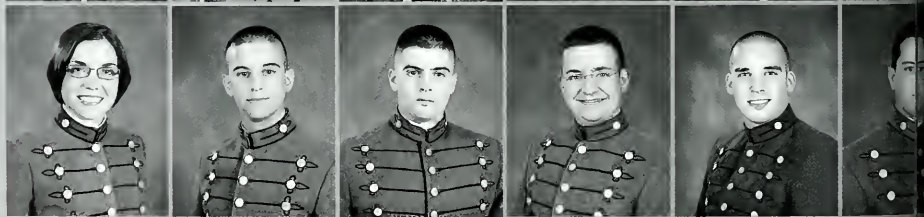
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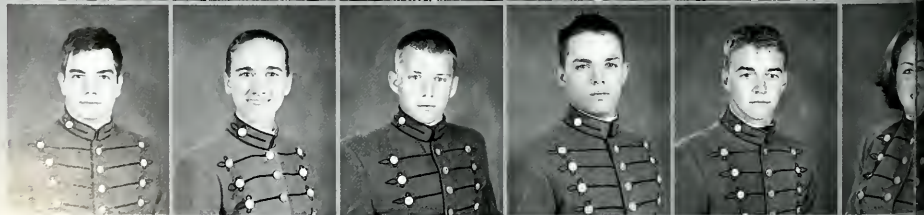
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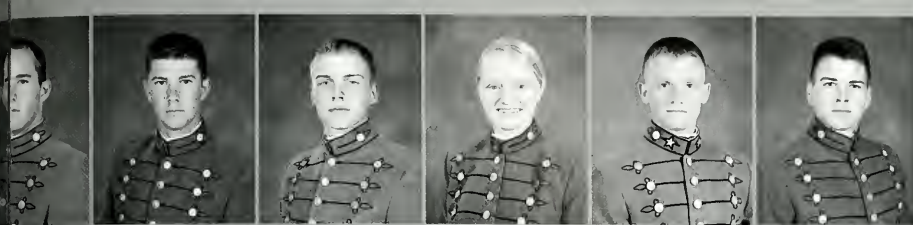


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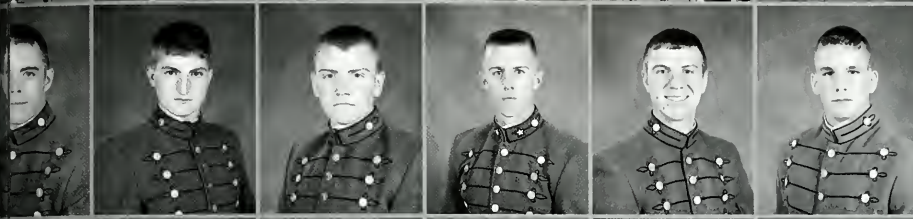


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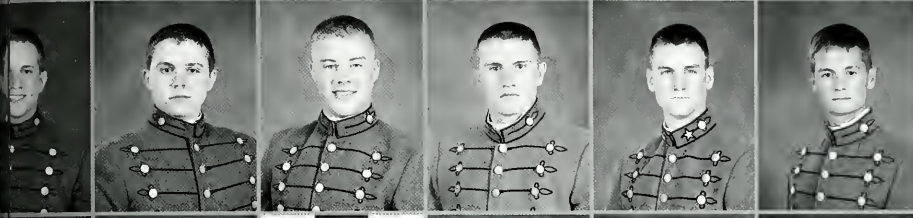




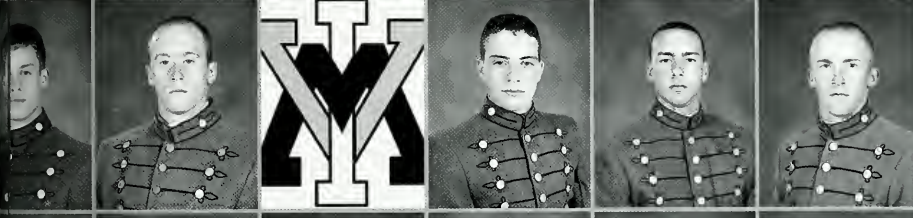
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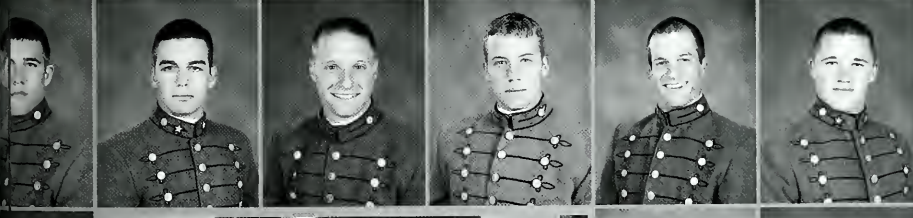
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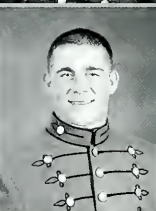
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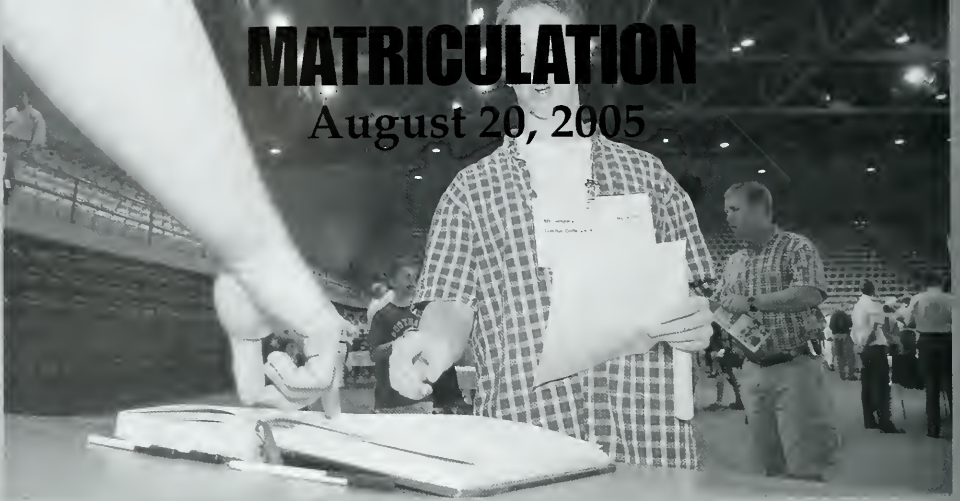






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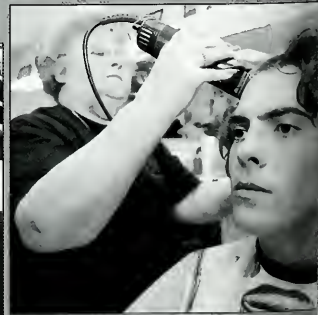
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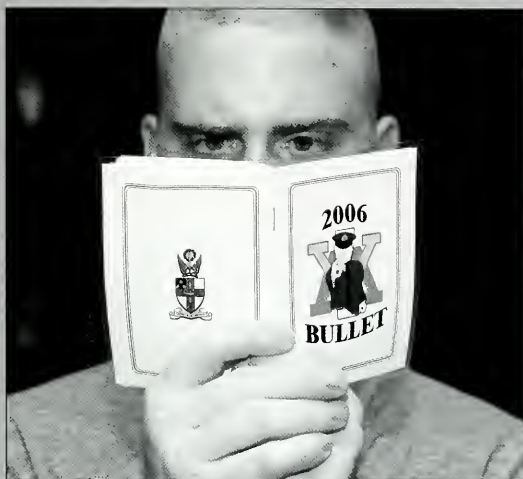
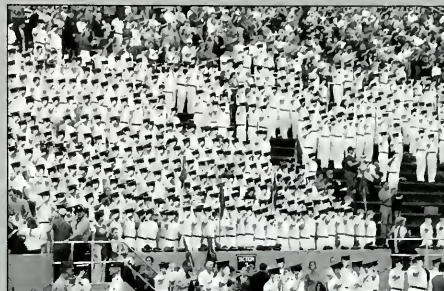


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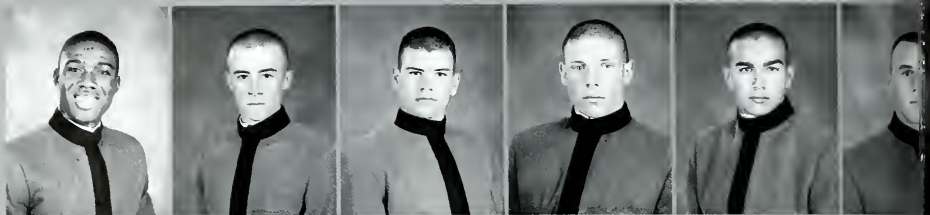


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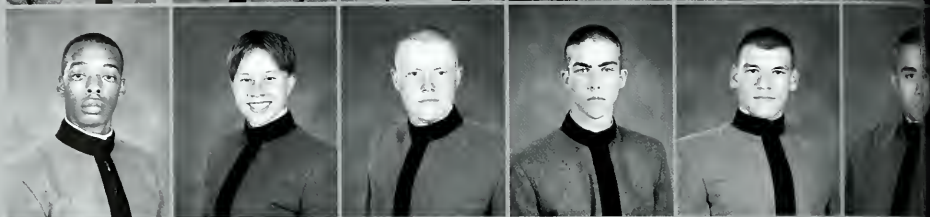




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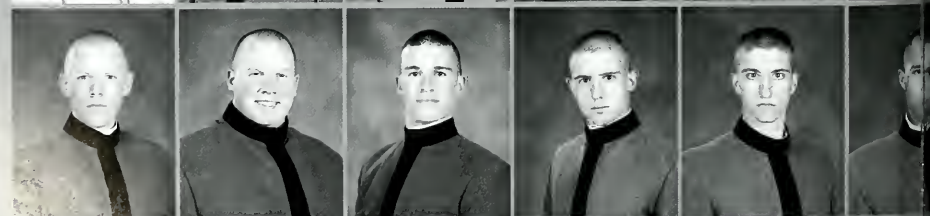
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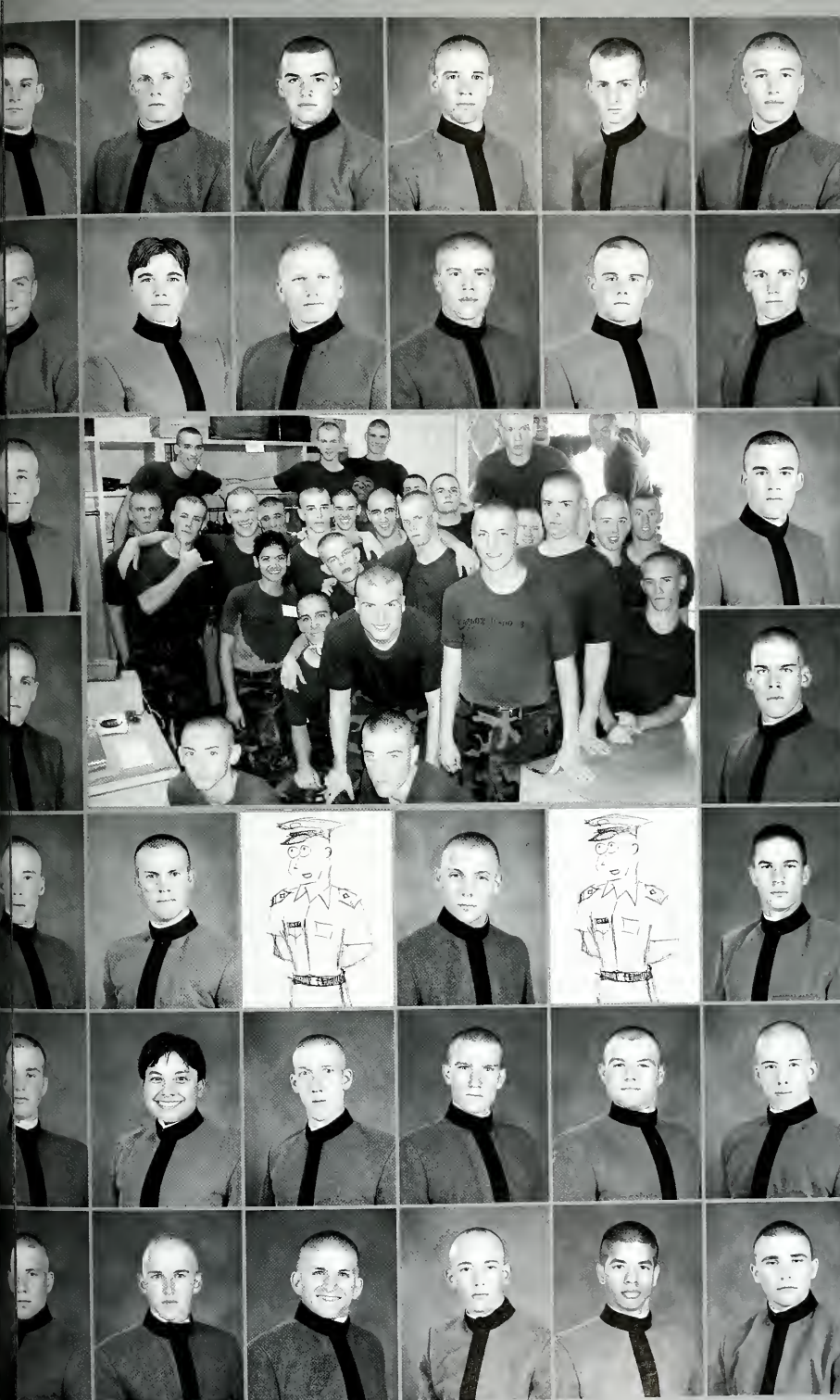


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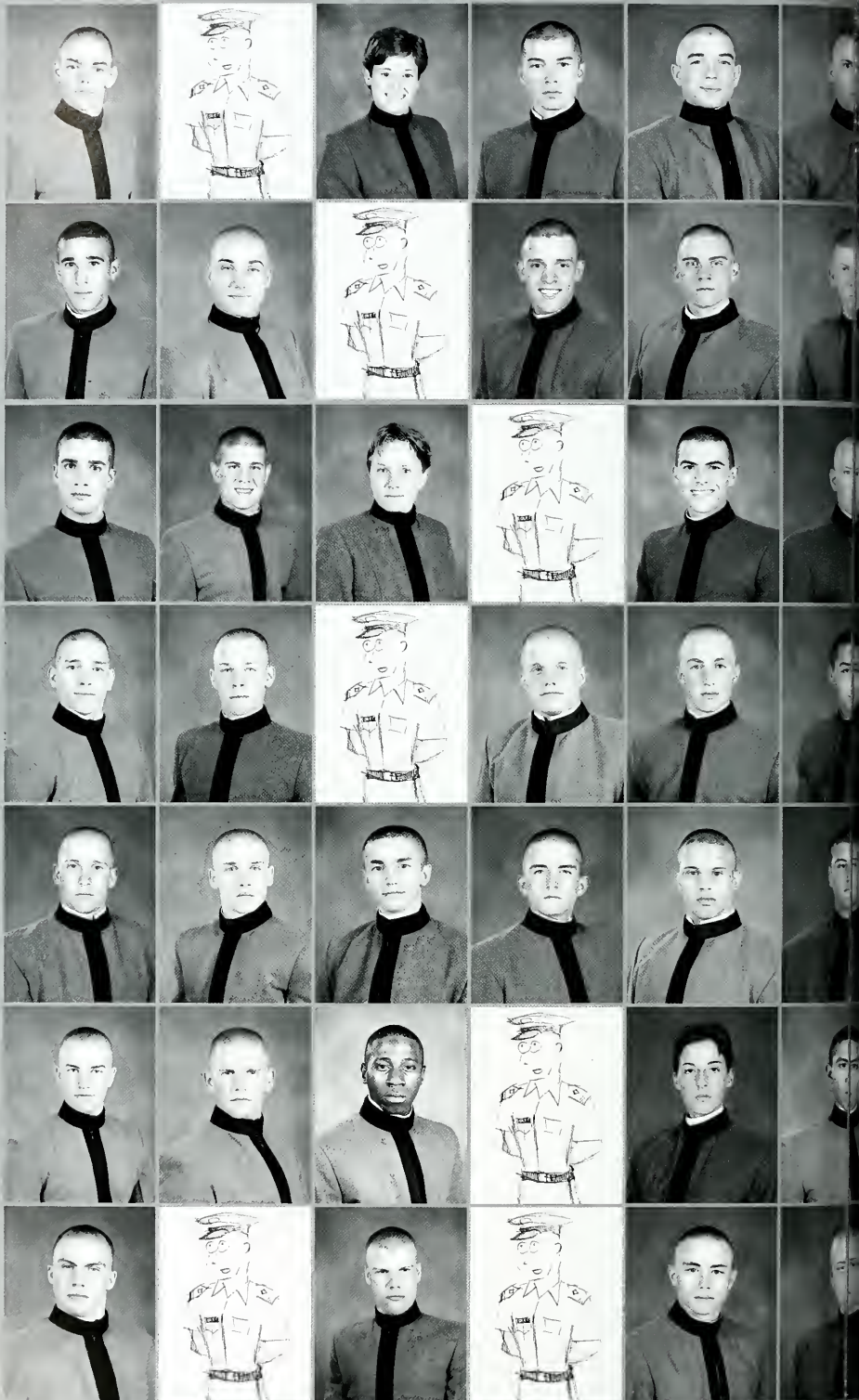
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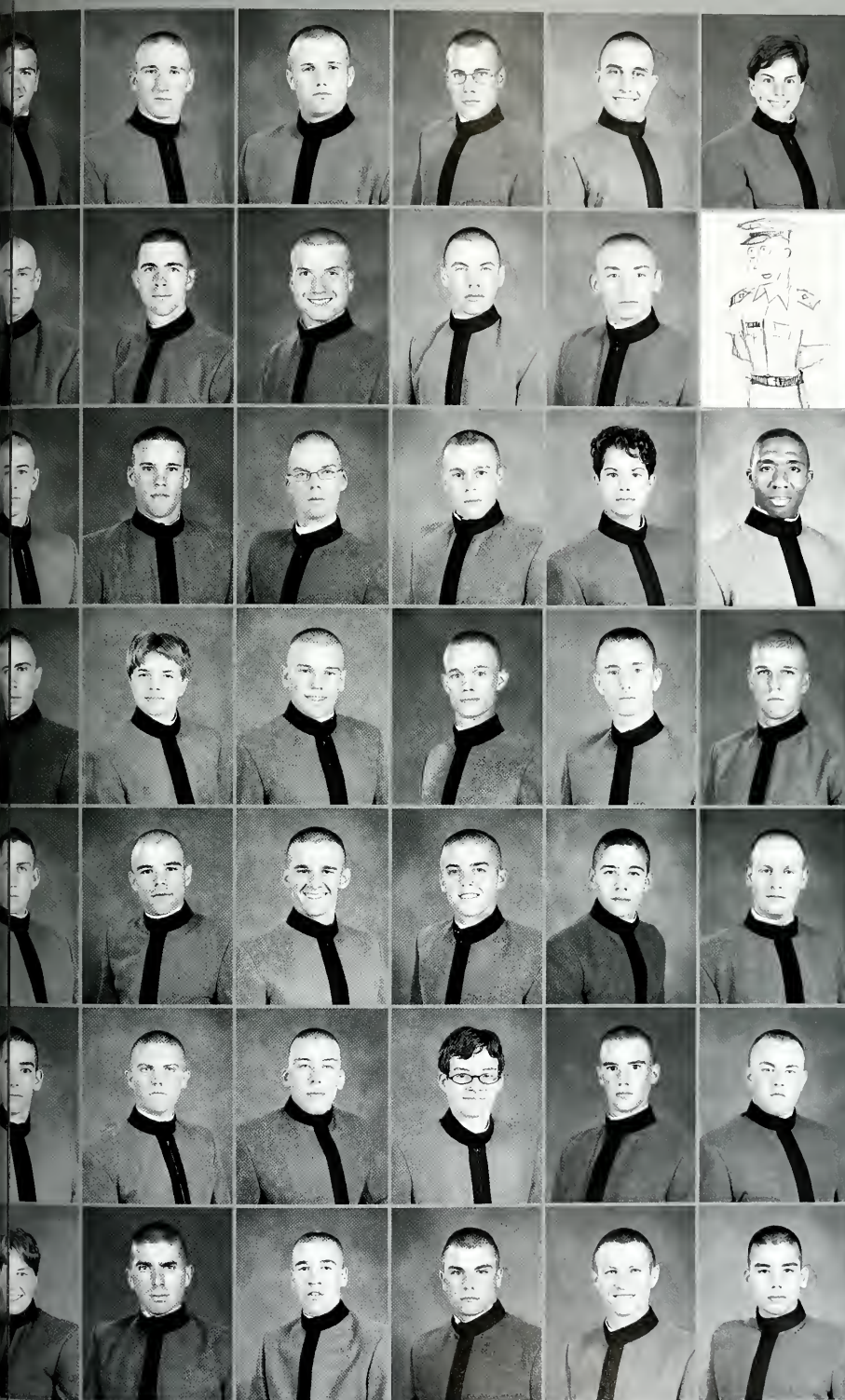
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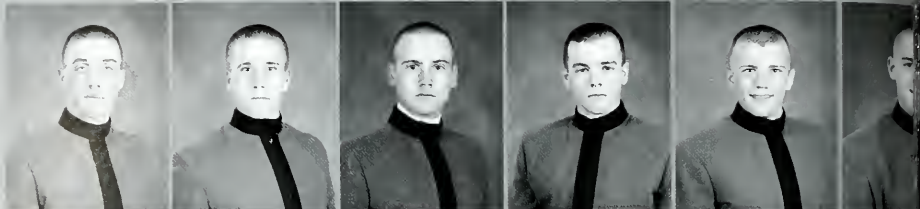
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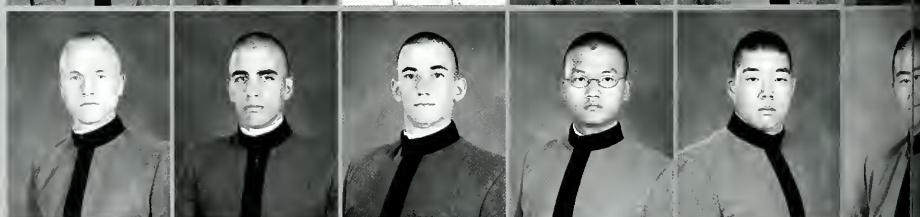
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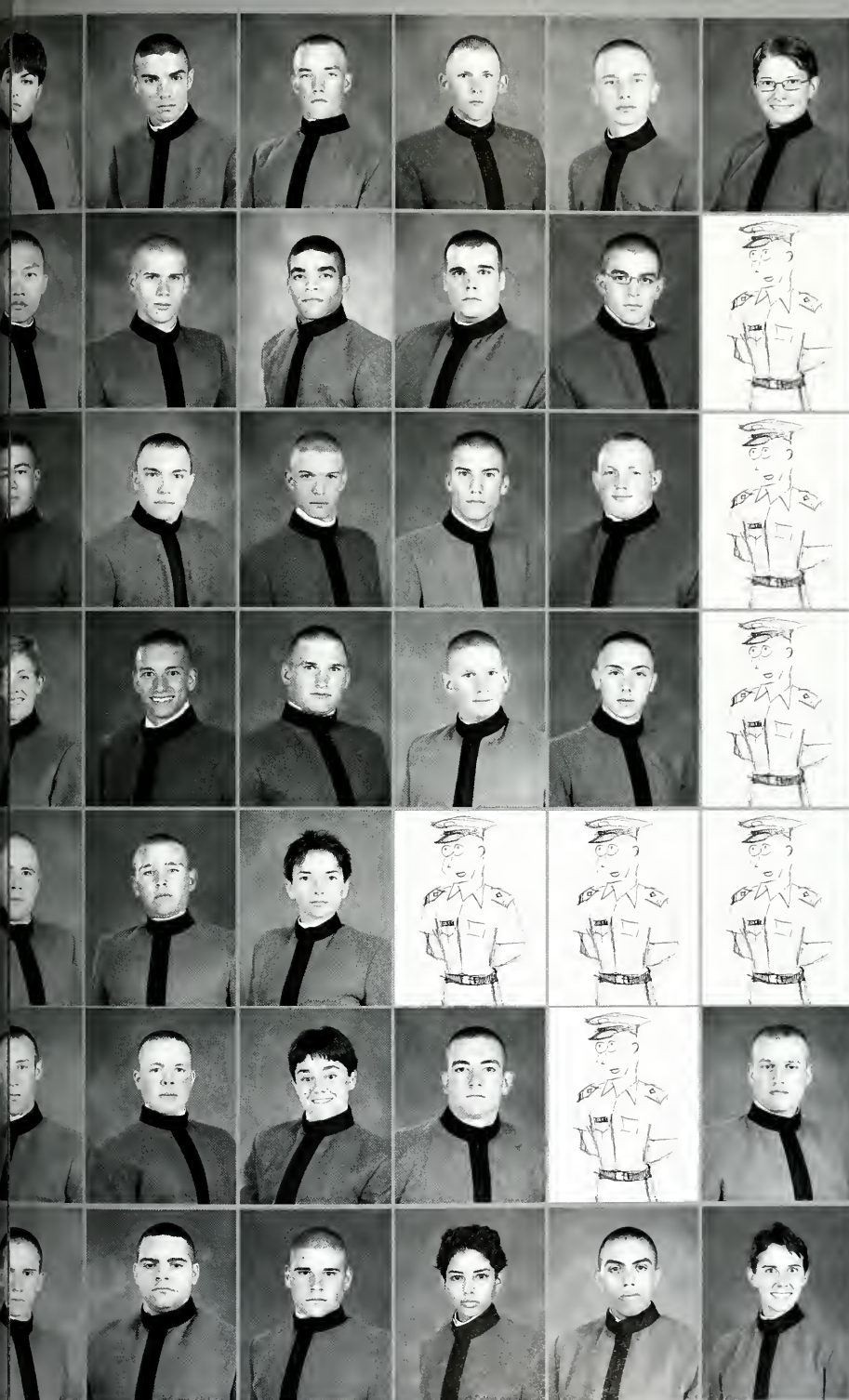


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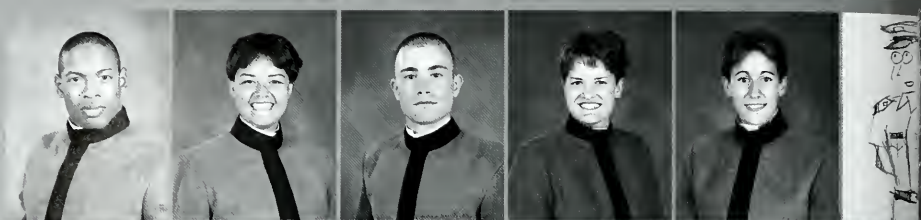
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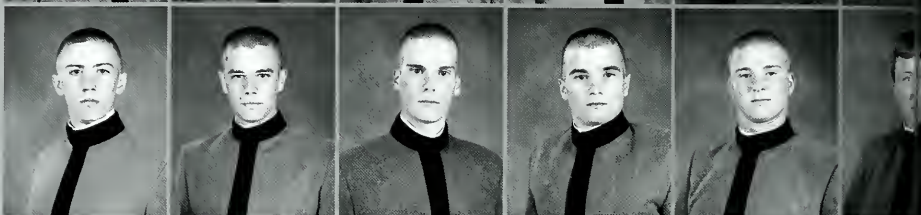
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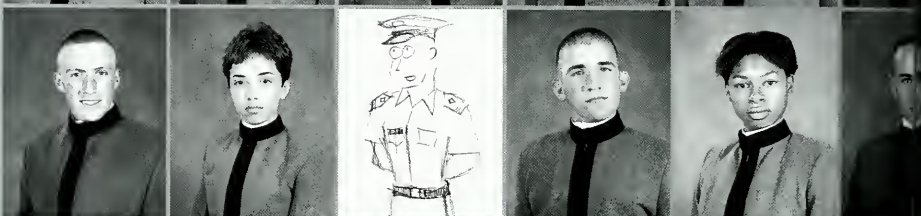
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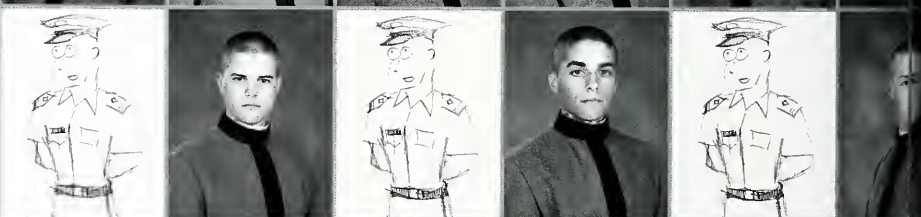
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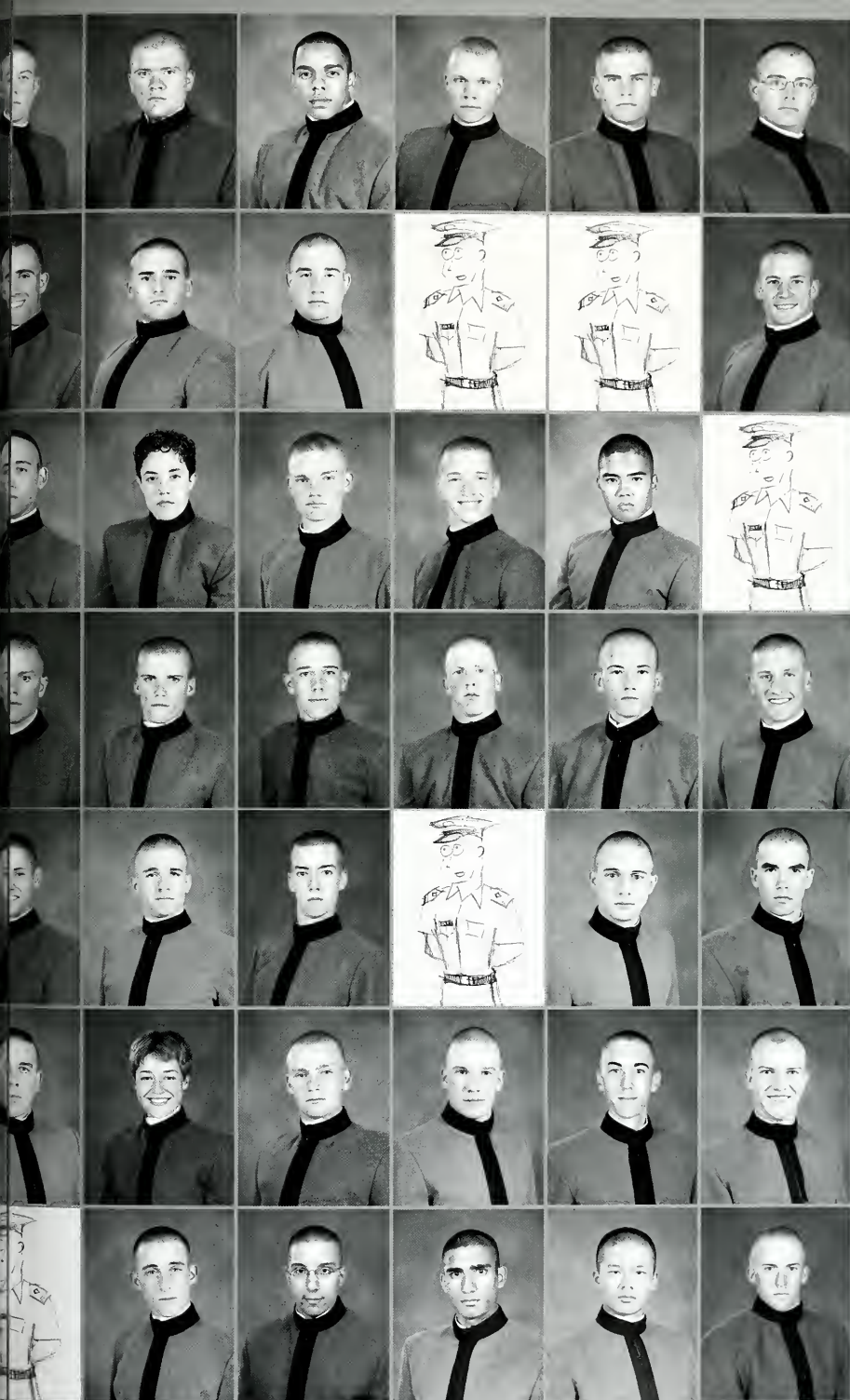


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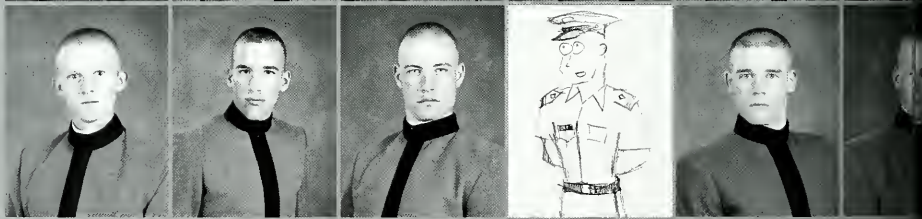
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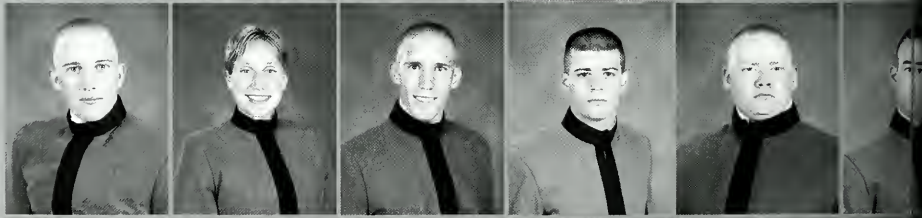
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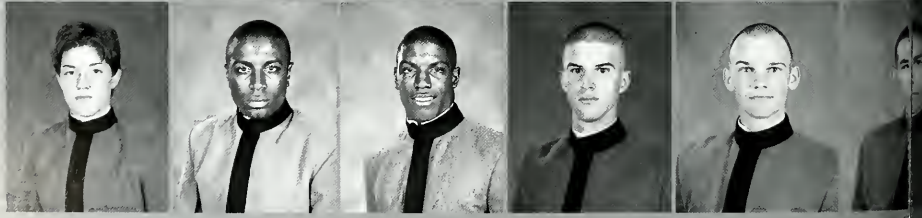
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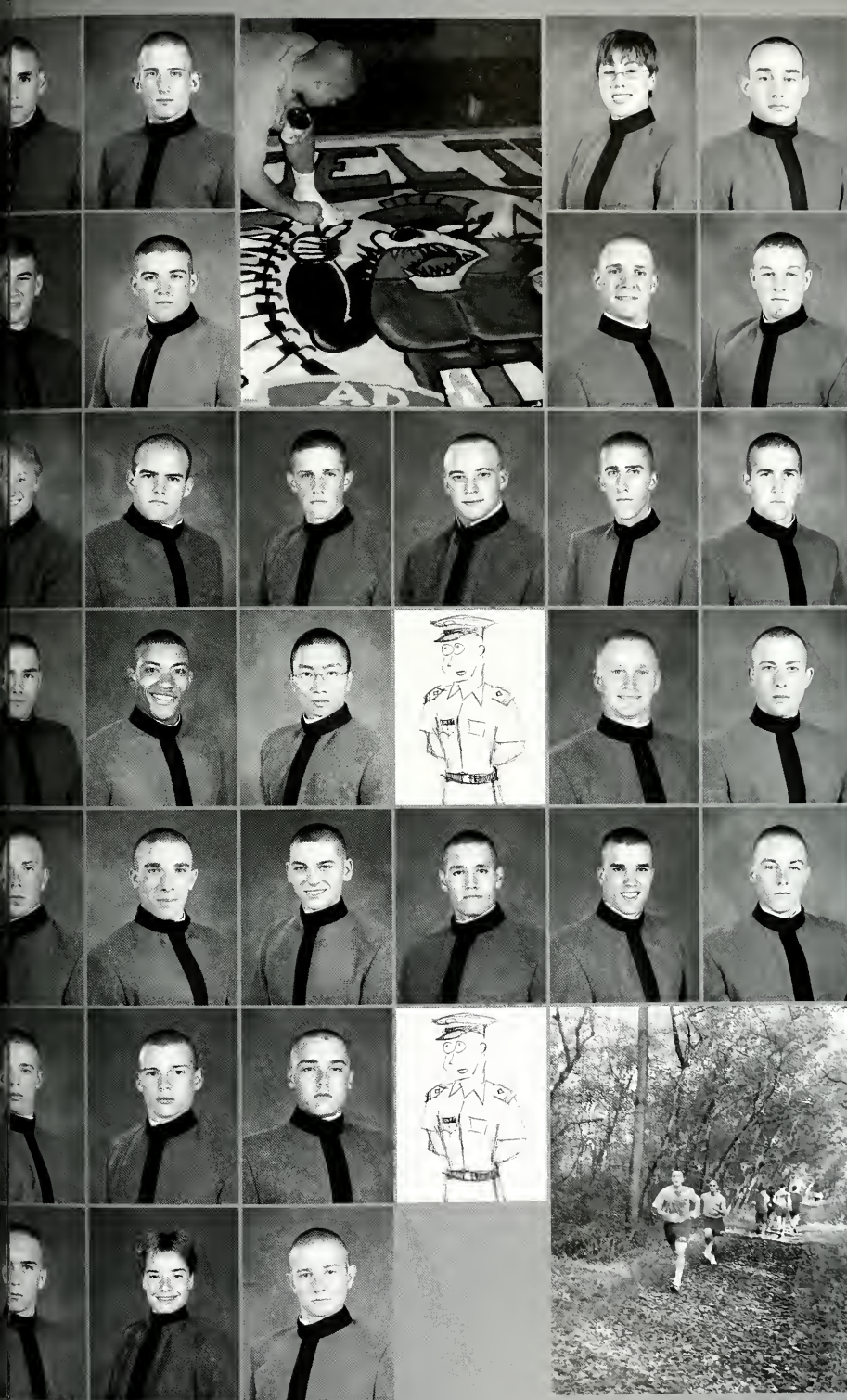


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Albert Young III

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Celine Ziobro  
Andrew Zyra



# BREAKOUT

On the 28th of January, the Rats of 06+3 became the Class of 2009. Soon thereafter, grades plummeted thanks to DVDs and computer games, and many of the same mistakes which made their dykes angry at them back in August continued to occur. Fourth classmen also quickly discovered how bonding a session of penalty tours can be, but all can rest easy knowing that on May 16th only 3 more years will remain in their cadetships.



It's the Final Meal With Cadres



From a Rude Awakening



Then The First of Many Sweat Parties



And Endless Amounts of Pushups





After Meeting the Sandbags



And Running



And PT'ing



With Two More Sweat Parties That Followed,



The Class of 2009 Was Born







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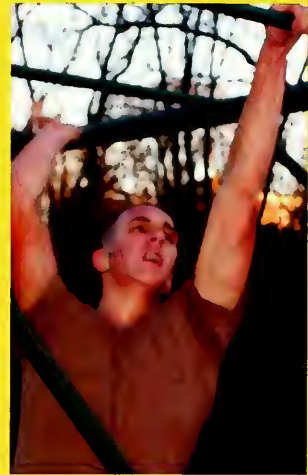
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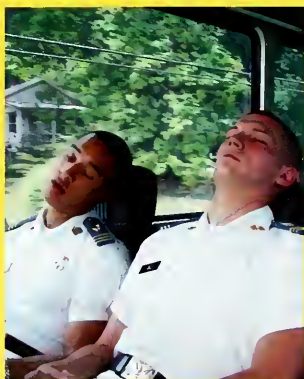
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# CHAIN OF COMMAND



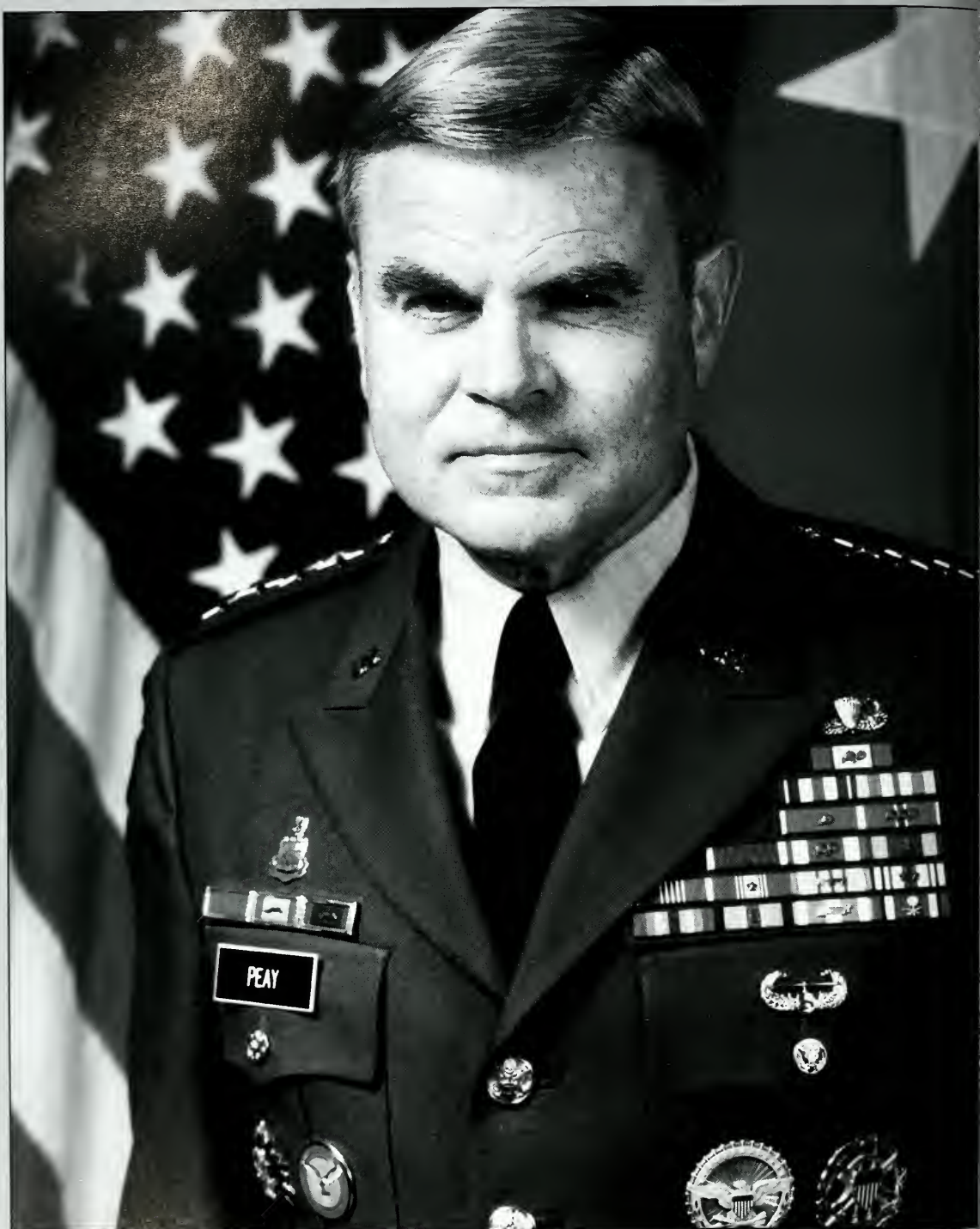
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Governor Timothy Kaine  
Commander-in-Chief





General J.H. Binford Peay, III  
Superintendent

## SUPERINTENDENT'S STAFF



COL Chalkley

GEN Peay

COL Strickler

## DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT FOR ACADEMICS AND STAFF



COL Sechler

COL McDonald

BG Brower

COL Stockwell

## DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT FOR FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF



COL Groves

LTC Williams

LTC Lawhorne

COL Spore

COL Gilbert

MAJ Worley

Dr. Copeland

LTC Brown

BG Greene

COL Joyner



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# THE COMMANDANT'S STAFF

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Colonel Eric D. Hutchings '77  
Commandant of Cadets



Back Row: Cpt. Mitchell, Col. Hurlbut, Col. Hutchings, Cpt. Blakey, SGM Neel

Front Row: LTC Levenson, Mrs. Rivers, Mrs. Hanes, Mrs. Shiplett, Mrs. Dickens, Cpt. Faulkner, LTC Funkhouser

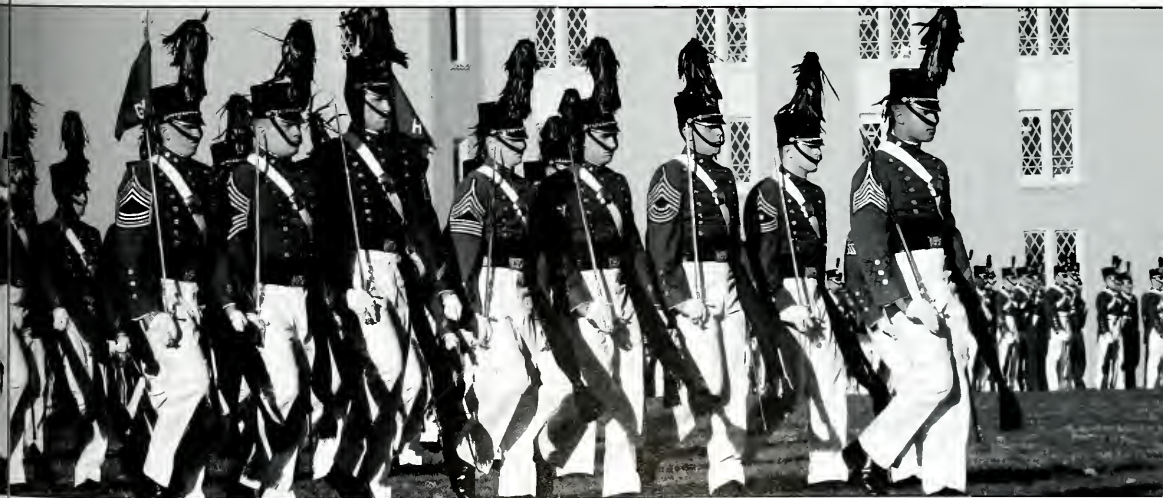
# CADET CHAIN OF COMMAND



Mark T. Searles  
Regimental Commander



Kyle W. Schriefer  
Regimental Executive Officer





# Cadet Captains



**Thomas M. Zager**  
S-1 Captain



**Christopher J. Brandriff**  
S-2 Captain



**Jonathan F. Everiss**  
S-3 Captain



**Colin K. Adan**  
S-2 Captain



**Charles A. Upshaw**  
S-5 Captain



**Kyle A. Fricke**  
S-6 Captain



**Heather M. Miras**  
S-7 Captain

# Regimental Lieutenants



**Jason M. Fraser**  
**S-1 Lieutenant**



**Thomas D. Wilson**  
**S-2 Lieutenant**



**Jason M. Long**  
**S-3 Lieutenant**



**Justin T. Guy**  
**S-4 Lieutenant**



**John C. Diehl**  
**S-5 Lieutenant**



**Christopher J. Authier**  
**S-6 Lieutenant**



**Jeff J. Gilmore**  
**S-7 Lieutenant**



**Salvatore Sferrazza, Jr.**  
**Regimental SGM**



# Regimental Sergeants



**Matthew B. Burton**  
S-1 Sergeant



**Liam T. O'Brien**  
S-2 Sergeant



**John A. Terminato**  
S-2 Sergeant



**Anastasia M. K...**  
S-3 Sergeant



**Lawrence J. Richardson**  
S-3 Sergeant



**Ming Yeh Tsai**  
S-6 Sergeant



**Christopher S. Fields**  
S-7 Sergeant



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S-6 Sergeant



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# First Battalion Staff



**Joseph L. Gill II**  
Battalion Commander



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Executive Officer



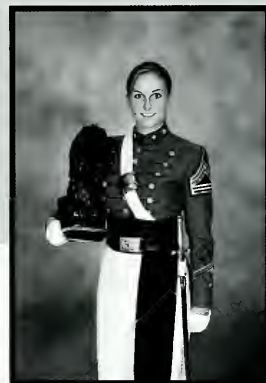
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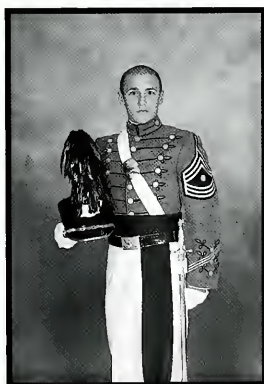
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**Ryan H. Rogers**  
S-7 Lieutenant



**Jason P. LaCerde**  
Battalion SGM



# ALPHA COMPANY

Ever since I was a rat I knew there was something unique about Alpha Company. It wasn't about our GPAs or our uniforms. It wasn't about winning Garnett-Andrews or how high our VFT's were. It was something more profound. I don't know what it is, but it has made us a closely-knit family. Very few people ever want to leave Alpha, and when they do, they wish they could have stayed with us. I, myself, know that I have become a better person because of knowing my fellow cadets in Alpha and I will be forever indebted to them for that. I count it a privilege to be among them.

Through the last few years I have seen Alpha grow closer, not only between Brother Rats, but between classes. The firsts, seconds, and thirds in Alpha get along better than any other company. I can always find Alpha guys because they are constantly with each other, regardless of class. We continue to room together, to hang out together, and to remain close, even after we broke-out as rats. I think that this, whatever kind of brotherhood it is, makes us the best company on the hill and can only be summed up in two words: **HARDCORE ALPHA!**

Yours in the Hardcoreness,

Taylor Thompson  
ALPHA CO 2005-2006



## **ALPHA FIRST CLASS PRIVATES**



Kurt M. Steiner  
Executive Officer



Clinton T. Thompson  
Company Commander



Nicholas D. Dowdle  
Guidon



Kyle D. Lynch  
1st Plt. Lieutenant



Todd M. Baldwin  
2nd Plt. Lieutenant



James F. White  
3rd Plt. Lieutenant



Mark A. Falcon  
First Sergeant



Nicklaus C. Franck  
Operations Sergeant



Tyler J. Russell  
Master Sergeant



# BRAVO COMPANY

As I think about Rat year, it seems as if it were yesterday when Bravo was led by Nate Smith, and that we would never rise to such great heights. But before long we worked our way through the hardships of this place we call hell and became those people who we admired and feared four years ago. When I assumed command, I knew it would be no cake walk. No matter how tough the job has been, I have never regretted holding the position as your company commander and hope that I have fulfilled my role and exceeded your expectations.

Since 2006's Rat year, Bravo has been the proud bearer of a number of names: a Regimental Commander, a Battalion Commander, two Honor Court Presidents, Vice President, Two Prosecutors, a number of OGA officers and representatives, RDC Vice President and a fair share of representatives. We may not take first place, but Bravo has never taken anything less than in the top three and always has put forth the effort.

To my rankers, I want to thank you all for putting in the time to prepare the future leaders of our Corps and our Company. Bravo cannot carry on being the fine company it is without the rankers who devoted so much time and effort out of their schedules to help us through these years training rats, marching parades and leading the Corps in all the positions that we now hold. Your sacrifices have been priceless to the legacy which we now leave. I want to especially thank my XO, Pat Heiny and my First SGT Ryan Smith. You both handled the company business and kept me well informed when other duties have called me away incessantly.

To the unofficial leadership of the company, my First Class Privates, thank you for keeping a smile on my face even in the worst of times and being the backbone of this company. Without you there is not one to call Bravo and no one to lead. To the underclassmen: learn from the success and failures of the Class of 2006. Seconds- Enjoy your "final" year, leave a legacy worth remembering. Make Bravo proud of what you do and who you become. Thirds- welcome to the Brotherhood of the Ring. Be wise with what you do and prepare to become the leaders of the Corps. Rats- You all have a rich and prestigious legacy to live up to. Make your dykes proud. Do not worry about what the other classes would say to you. It is simply jealousy.

Bravo may not have always taken the path most traveled, but that would make us like everyone else, right?

Always Remember, '06: WWNDS??

Always Ball Bustin,

Frank. A Dolberry II

Bravo Company, Commanding.



## **BRAVO FIRST CLASS PRIVATES**



Patrick J. Heiny  
Executive Officer



Frank A. Dolberry II  
Company Commander



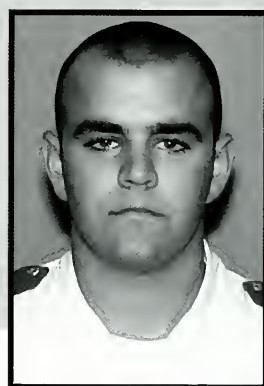
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3rd Plt. Lieutenant



Ryan C. Smith  
First Sergeant



Justin A. Blanks  
Operations Sergeant



Charles T. Freeman  
Master Sergeant



# CHARLIE COMPANY

Cold Steel.

It has been a distinct honor and a privilege to serve you all this year as your CO. The company's performance was outstanding in all areas and I can not take responsibility for that; you are the ones who made that happen. Thank you all for the mutual respect and understanding that we've had between the staff and the privates; things could not have ran smoother.

To the 1<sup>st</sup> Classmen. I can not thank you enough for the ways you've helped out and performed in our company these last four years. You made the staff's job a lot easier. I wish you all the best and know that we all have a lot to look forward to as we leave this place.

To 2<sup>nds</sup> and 3<sup>rds</sup>, the end is starting to come within sight; continue to work hard and help your leadership. Listen to them and they'll listen to you. Be proud of what you've accomplished so far and take pride in everything about Charlie Company.

To next year's leadership, I pray you all have 1<sup>st</sup> Class Privates who are as easy to get along with and who work as hard as the one's we had this year. If you work hard for the company, they'll work hard for you. Take pride in your rats, they are your legacy and listen to your privates and lead with common sense.

To the Class of 2009, I am proud of you all. You've come a long way since August, but many challenges lie ahead. Watch out for each other and respect the system and the leadership you have.

As the Class of 2006 leaves, I know that the pride and traditions of COLD STEEL will remain; remember, "We do things differently in Charlie Company!"

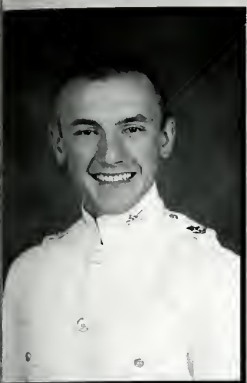
"It's been real"

God Bless,

Brenton Underwood



## CHARLIE FIRST CLASS PRIVATES



William J. Keller  
Executive Officer



Brenton L. Underwood  
Company Commander



William H. Maddox  
Guidon



Jared B. Sheets  
1st Plt. Lieutenant



Eric J. Bliss  
2nd Plt. Lieutenant



Seth E. Enterline  
3rd Plt. Lieutenant



Jonathan P. Schwerer  
First Sergeant



Maitlin D. Wade  
Operations Sergeant



Anthony M. Menas  
Master Sergeant



# DELTA COMPANY

Delta.

It has been a great honor to lead Delta Company this past year. We are truly a different breed, a pack of strays who found a home in the best company on the Hill. It fills me with great pride to see the other classes of Delta keeping the same bonds that my class exhibits. Despite personal differences, I see our company as a strong one that has bonded well throughout the years.

Brother Rats, it has been a great ride. The thing I will miss most of VMI is being around you all. Seconds, the company is yours next year. Take care of her because those bonds we have need to be rekindled every year. Thirds, you have done well your first year as upperclassmen. Stay strong and enjoy the next phase of your cadetship in the rings. Rats, you have weathered quite a storm. However, VMI will not get easier, it never does. Take the lesson from your dykes and cadre to heart and come back to Delta ready to dominate!

VMI can't last forever, but the bonds of brotherhood must.  
Farewell Mad Dogs,

Cadet Joseph Davidoski  
Delta Company CO 2005-2006



**DELTA FIRST CLASS PRIVATES**



Brent M. Timmer  
Executive Officer



Joseph P. Davidoski  
Company Commander



Scott B. Donald  
Guidon



Casey W. Jones  
1st Plt. Lieutenant



Jose Goncalves  
2nd Plt. Lieutenant



Adam F. Good  
3rd Plt. Lieutenant



Jacob F. Willis  
First Sergeant



Christopher P. Chang-Lo  
Operations Sergeant



Wutthisan Luangjinda  
Master Sergeant



# BAND COMPANY

To all members of the Regimental Band and Pipes, it has been a sincere honor and pleasure to serve as your Company Commander during the '05-'06 year. I could not have asked for a higher privilege than to march with you in our proud Corps. As members of the Band you were asked to put in extra time and effort not demanded of the other companies, but you remained loyal to yours. Band has often been called upon to represent VMI throughout the year and you have all done so in an outstanding manner. Both privates and those who held rank alike have merited the highest praise and compliments in all you have done. Whether it was marching a parade in Richmond or on our parade ground, you have truly made the Institute proud. I ask all of you to continue to do so as you finish out your cadetship. Good luck and God bless.

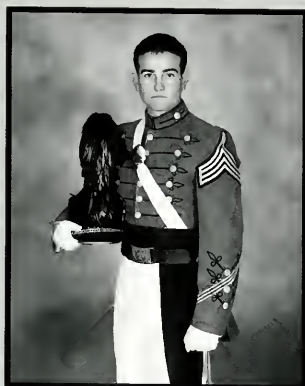
Nolan Maxwell,  
Band Company Commander



***BAND FIRST CLASS PRIVATES***



Robyn M. Schaperjahn  
Executive Officer



Nolan J. Maxwell  
Company Commander



Phillip J. Lacey  
Guidon



Sean P. Moran  
1st Plt. Lieutenant



Terrence E. Slack  
2nd Plt. Lieutenant



David J. Rahl  
3rd Plt. Lieutenant



Patrick R. McGill  
First Sergeant



Quincy M. Washa  
Operations Sergeant



Jonathan T. Schmidt  
Master Sergeant



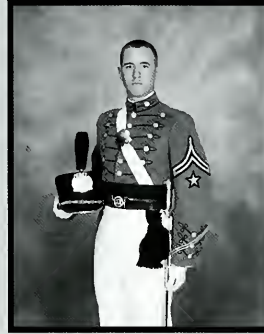
# Color Sergeants



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**Graham T. Forbes**



**Thomas R. Goehring**



**Michael W. Huggins**



**Elise G. Jones**



**Gregory W. Kosh**



**Shian-Jiun Lin**



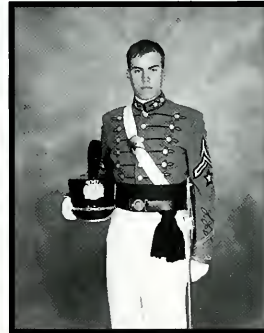
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**Nathaniel B. Murphy**



**Christopher S. Nelson**



**Troy R. Nold**



**Ahmed M. Safy El-Di**



**Christopher D. Scott**



**Christopher L Webb**



# Second Battalion Staff



**James M. Donovan**  
Battalion Commander

**Dane C. Elles**  
Executive Officer



**Sean A. Wolf**  
S-1 Lieutenant

**Bart F. Payne**  
S-2 Lieutenant

**William C. Collier**  
S-3 Lieutenant

**Philip C. Hahn**  
S-4 Lieutenant



**Steven N. Parsons**  
S-5 Lieutenant

**Timothy D. Greer**  
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**Lezshell A. Mackall**  
S-7 Lieutenant

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Battalion SGM



# ECHO COMPANY

Echo.

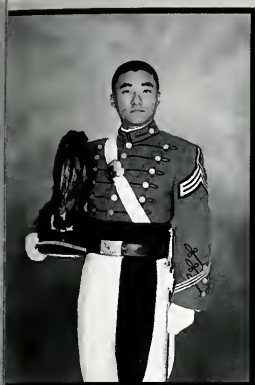
It has been my distinct privilege to serve as your company commander for the past year. Echo Company has always led the Corps in professionalism and esprit. To the Privates of the company, you are the men and women who make Echo what it truly is and for that I will forever be in your debt. Rankers, your dedication to your thankless job has always carried the day and you have my utmost respect. Especially my Cadre, you have shaped the future of Echo, and you have done a splendid job. My Brother Rats, your selfless faith in one another truly marks what it means to be a VMI man, thank you for your support throughout the year and best of luck in all you do. To the underclassmen, keep Echo what it is, the best. I arrived in this company not knowing a single person, I leave it as a member of a special brotherhood. To all of you who have made this company what it is, I thank you.

"There is a destiny which makes us brothers;  
None goes his way alone."  
-- Edwin Markham

Respectfully,  
Dan Petronzio  
Echo Company Commander



***ECHO FIRST CLASS PRIVATES***



Henry S. Zhang  
Executive Officer



Daniel R. Petronzio  
Company Commander



Curtis I. Ivins  
Guidon



Jeffrey J. Butwell, Jr.  
1st Plt. Lieutenant



Bradley B. Bascope  
2nd Plt. Lieutenant



Wei-Ying Chang  
3rd Plt. Lieutenant



James G. Sandman  
First Sergeant



Thomas W. Matthews  
Operations Sergeant



Sean P. Hingley  
Master Sergeant



# FOXTROT COMPANY

Troop.

It has been a pleasure serving you this year, the highest honor anyone here at VMI could bestow. I could not have asked for a tighter clan of "misfits" to serve. There is a human element here that is often forgotten in the monotony of the daily routine, but you all have found a way to make it interesting each and every day.

I don't have to say all the ways that the troop stands out from all the rest, but what I will say, to the classes that will remain after 2006 has left, never lose these ways. When others chastise you for being different, remember, you are a part of something that can never be taken from you; the "Troop," a brotherhood, a common struggle of a few. It was something earned and not given for every single one of you.

Always remember to support each other, privates and rankers, there has always been a great relationship of mutual respect, and regardless who or what you are never forget that because it is how the troop has survived, and will continue to survive.

To my Brother Rats, brothers, "Destroying Angels", in the first class, Godspeed in all you do; nothing you will ever do is insignificant. To 2007, 2008, and 2009, the troop is yours next year, and the subsequent years, you will leave your legacy as we have. Make us and all those who have come before you proud.

Long-live the Troop,

Timothy R. Papenfuse F-Troop CO 2005-2006



**F-TROOP FIRST CLASS PRIVATES**



Christopher H. Chin  
Executive Officer



Timothy R. Papenfuse  
Company Commander



Patrick J. Grey  
Guidon



Thomas W. Nance  
1st Plt. Lieutenant



Daniel R. Rogers  
2nd Plt. Lieutenant



Kyle F. Madden  
3rd Plt. Lieutenant



Corey R. Bafford  
First Sergeant



Stephen H. Turner  
Operations Sergeant



Justin M. Trowbridge  
Master Sergeant



# GOLF COMPANY

Golf,

First, I would like to express how much I loved being a part of Golf. My best memories as a cadet was serving my time here as a member of Golf. From the ratline stories to training rats, we all have something in common. I realized that most of all as a second classman on the battalion staff. When all I could do is watch, instead of be a part of, the best company on our hill. We are the best, and that is something that we will always take with us. No matter where we branch off to, we will always have that one common bond; we all broke out as Golf rats. To my BR's; I couldn't have asked for a better group of guys to be a part of. As we depart and go our separate ways, remember each other and remember the times that we shared.

To the Seconds, the torch has now been passed. Take with it the pride and honor of knowing that you serve the men who came before you. Thirds, pay attention to the leaders in Golf, learn from them, you will be there shortly. Rats, respect your Dykes. Through them you'll always know what to do. Major Maraj and Gunnery SGT Johnson, your first year was exceptional, continue to stand by us. Lastly, remember above all, there is one thing no one can ever take away from us: Golf is the best-looking company VMI has ever seen.

In Truth,

Brian



**GOLF FIRST CLASS PRIVATES**



John C. Sheckells  
Executive Officer



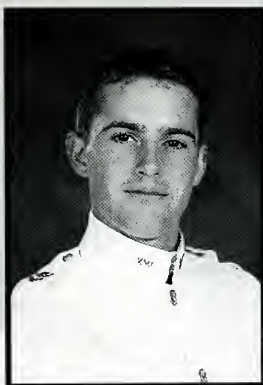
Brian R. Hunt  
Company Commander



Michael R. Pasquale  
Guidon



Alexander G. Williams  
1st Plt. Lieutenant



Christopher M. Stolle  
2nd Plt. Lieutenant



Blake Faller  
3rd Plt. Lieutenant



Brandon W. Price  
First Sergeant



Nathan W. Fifer  
Operations Sergeant



Jessee L. Kopczynski  
Master Sergeant



# HOTEL COMPANY

Whether it's Hollywood, Hard Charging, or Hard Humping, I guess it all depends on who is looking and what the Company is doing at the time. I tried to change things around this year, so that the whole "tough guy, holier than thou" routine was something I never even considered trying to do with the Company. I have seen a lot of Company Commanders care a lot more about how tight they can get their tuck than caring about what was more important to me, the people that stand behind the guidon in the freezing cold of winter.

It has been and will always be a great honor to have had the chance to be the Hotel Company Commander, and I could not have done it alone. Not only did Kelton and Chovanec keep me in check, but they facilitated without a doubt the hardest and most professional Cadre Week for the Hotel Company Rats. The sergeants this year were true to their titles, being the most knowledgeable and hard working guys throughout the year, and I am certain they will provide great leadership to the company in the near future.

Rats, you have a long road ahead of you. Never forget the lessons you have learned in the past year. Even though we always told you how disappointed we were in you, truly you all did a fine job. Your ratline will define the rest of your cadetship and you all are on the right foot in my eyes. '08, your time is coming. Your hands will be weighted down heavily soon enough, good luck to all of you. '07, you are back in the saddle again. VMI is now yours; pass on and do everything which you feel will make our school the best.

Brother Rats, stay true. I am glad we did this together and glad it's over for all of us. For those going into the military, stay strong and stay safe while overseas. For those going out into the real world, it is your turn to improve our nation.

Respectfully,

David Bhatta



## **HOTEL FIRST CLASS PRIVATES**



Jonathan D. Kelton  
Executive Officer



David K. Bhatta  
Company Commander



John A. Anderson  
Guidon



Benjamin A. Chovanec  
1st Plt. Lieutenant



James F. Woodard, II  
2nd Plt. Lieutenant



Michael R. Hiltner  
3rd Plt. Lieutenant



Timothy F. Labresh  
First Sergeant

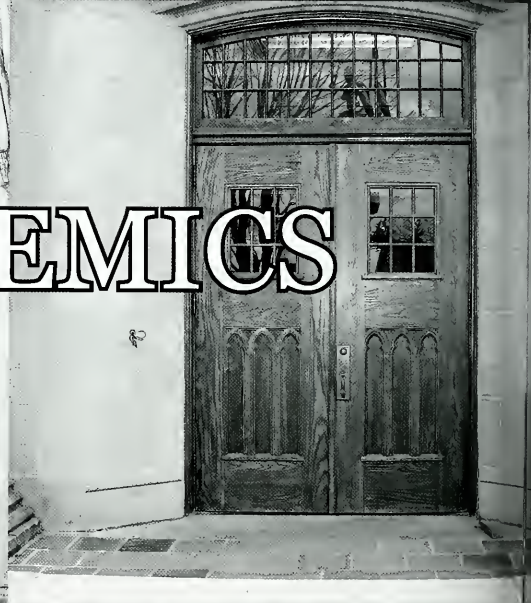


Andrew W. Holt  
Operations Sergeant



Robert B.P. Thompson, Jr.  
Master Sergeant





# ACADEMICS

## ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS



**Back Row:** COL West, LTC Basu, MAJ Cobb, MAJ Hardenbergh, LTC Moreschi  
**Front Row:** LTC Gutermuth, COL Bush, COL Duncan (Dept. Head), COL Husted, MAJ Sen  
**Not Pictured:** COL Fraley, Mrs. Moreschi, BG Badgett, Mrs. Hodges, Mr. Clark

## ENGLISH



**Back Row:** COL Bedell, COL Baragona, COL Leland, COL Badgett, LTC Rachels  
**Front Row:** COL Miller (Dept. Head), LCDR Hart, MAJ Ticen  
**Not Pictured:** Mrs. Coleman-Croushorn, Dr. Crowley, COL McDonald, Dr. Neisius, LTC Ayau,  
 LTC Thompson, Mr. Ayers, COL Ball, Dr. Bedell, Ms. LaPrade, Mrs. McCombs, Mrs. Casteel



# HISTORY



**Back Row:** CPT Turner, COL Brooke, MAJ Dowling, COL Wilkinson, COL Jensen, COL Muir

**Front Row:** COL Davis, COL Koeniger, Ms. Pettey, COL Sheldon (Dept. Head)

**Not Pictured:** MAJ Andreeva, Dr. Kiracofe, COL Brooke, Mr. Coffey, Dr. Harmon, COL Koons, Ms. Lachman, COL McCleskey, Dr. Newman, Dr. Osborne, COL Vandervort, SGT Wineman

# INTERNATIONAL STUDIES



**Front Row:** MAJ Kleinerman, LTC Hentz, Mr. Ayer, Mr. Nemeth, COL Mayerchak (Dept. Head)

**Not Pictured:** Mr. Russell, COL Burnett, Mr. Crisp, MAJ Foster, Dr. Kiracofe

## MODERN LANGUAGES



**Back Row:** Ms. Burch, COL Cerkey, MAJ Messer  
**Front Row:** LTC Dellinger, COL Bulger-Barnett (Dept. Head), Dr. Taifi, Ms. Bentouhami, Ms. Snidow  
**Not Pictured:** BG Farrell, COL Sunnen, Mrs. Hardin, LTC Crockett, Ms. Wingfield, Mrs. Cummings

## PSYCHOLOGY



**Back Row:** Dr. Arinder, COL Eicher  
**Middle Row:** MAJ Kline, COL Meriwether, Dr. Richter  
**Front Row:** COL Gire (Dept. Head), Ms. Pat Martin, LTC Ojure  
**Not Pictured:** Dr. Simmel, CPT Hughes



## BIOLOGY



**Front Row:** MAJ Humston, COL Baur, COL Rowe (Dept. Head), Mr. Kesler, LTC Bell,  
COL Turner

**Not Pictured:** MAJ Stands, Ms. Fredenburg

## CHEMISTRY



**Back Row:** COL Schreiber, LTC Timmons, LTC Smith, COL Riethmiller, LTC Cain, Dr. Hinks

**Middle Row:** COL Ludt (Dept. Head), COL Pharr, MAJ McCain, COL Turner

**Front Row:** COL Jones

**Not Pictured:** MAJ Stands, Mrs. Smith, Dr. Voegtle, Mrs. Wingfield, Mr. Grigorieff,  
Sanderson, Mrs. Cruze, Mr. Christiansen

## MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE



**Back Row:** MAJ Hartman, Mr. Bennell, COL Walsh, Dr. Beran, LTC Baker, COL Parker, COL Piegari, COL Gluck

**Front Row:** LTC Siemers, COL Than, Ms. Stevens, LTC Dewald (Dept. Head), Ms. Huffman, LCDR Joseph

**Not Pictured:** Ms. Randall, COL Lominac, COL Tierney, COL Lowe

## PHYSICS



**Back Row:** Mr. Allen, Dr. Beran, Mr. Kesler

**Middle Row:** COL DuPuy (Dept. Head), MAJ Brooke, MAJ Topasna

**Front Row:** MAJ Topasna, LTC Vargus, Mrs. Gearhart



## CIVIL ENGINEERING



**Back Row:** CPT Riester, COL Schneider, COL Mullen, COL Hoadley

**Front Row:** COL Rogers, COL Page

**Not Pictured:** COL Buckner (Dept. Head), Mr. Parrent, Dr. Maisano, Ms. Wohlrab, MAJ Bott, CPT Erchul

## ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING



**Back Row:** LTC Squire, Mr. Herwald, COL Livingston

**Front Row:** COL Addington (Dept. Head), Mrs. Cochran, MAJ Dale

**Not Pictured:** Mr. Gearhart, COL Smith

# MECHANICAL ENGINEERING



**Back Row:** CPT Sexton, Mr. Cook, COL Hodges (Dept. Head), MAJ Sullivan, COL Sadler, COL Neel, CDR McMasters  
**Front Row:** Mrs. Graves, Mr. Chandler, LTC Hyre, LTC Hardin, COL Arthur

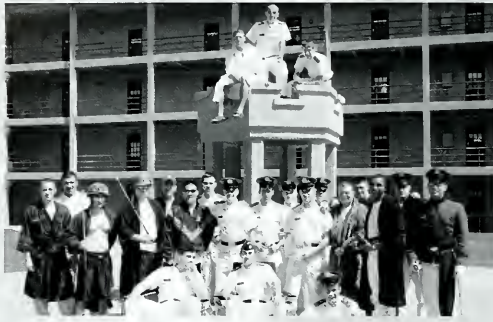
# PHYSICAL EDUCATION



**Back Row:** Mr. Whitten, COL Coale (Dept. Head), CPT Powell, CPT Sykes  
**Front Row:** Mr. Abbit, COL Richardson, CPT Spath, CPT Joyce  
**Not Pictured:** Mrs. Moore, Mr. Weeks



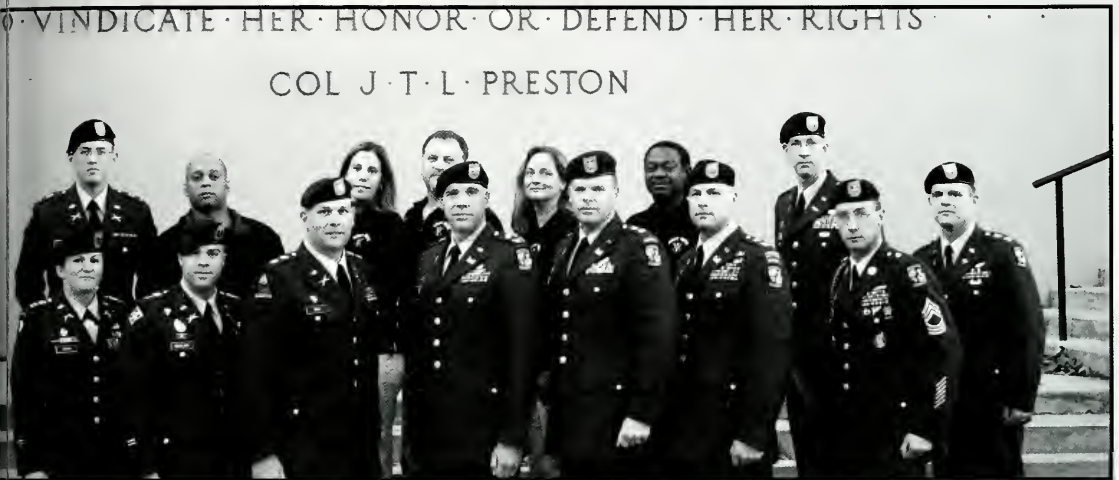
# AIR FORCE



**Back Row:** TSgt Burke, MAJ Marsh, 1 LT Archer, 1 LT Honaker  
**Front Row:** SSgt Chambers, SSgt Jones, COL Tubbs, MAJ Danas, CPT Galloway  
**Not Pictured:** MAJ Maraj, 2 LT King, 2 LT Stewart, Ms. Lipos



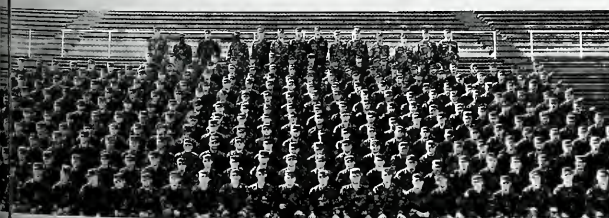
# ARMY



**Back Row:** 2 LT Dyson, Mr. Semper, Ms. Funkhouser, Mr. Simmons, Ms. Ruffin, Mr. Atkinson, P. Pegg

**Front Row:** CPT Dorn, CPT Cecalupo, LTC Irby, COL Suthard, MAJ Wranek, CPT Drake, MSG Goudy, CPT Bissell

**Not Pictured:** MSG Perdue, MSG Plummer, SGM Allen, SFC Ferris, Mr. Campbell, MSG Thornton







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**Back Row:** GySgt Johnson, LT a  
**Middle Row:** LT Encke, SKCS te  
**Front Row:** Mrs. Ayers, COL Ca  
**Not Pictured:** CDR Martin



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DEFEND HER RIGHTS



dt, CPT Garaux  
y, LT Brown  
aninga, Ms. Hermanson







# COMMITTEES

# HONOR COURT

## **President**

Frank A. Dolberry II

## **Vice President**

Mark T. Searles

## **Vice President for the Education and Defense**

John T. Fox

## **Vice President for Investigation**

T. Wilson Nance

## **Prosecutors**

Philip C. Hahn

Joseph L. Gill

## **Assistant Prosecutors**

Michael D. Lloyd

Brandon W. Price

Sean P. Hingley

Charles T. Freeman

Salvatore Sferrazza Jr.

Christopher S. Fields



From a distance, VMI would appear to be just like any other military school. However, what is apart from everywhere else can not be seen nor held. There is one thing alone that makes this school great, and it lies within the stone of the buildings and runs through the veins of every cadet. That thing is our Honor Code: "A cadet will not lie, cheat, steal, nor tolerate those who do." The VMI Honor Court is the vanguard of the very system that ensures that locks are not on doors, teachers do not tutor exams, and a cadet's word is taken as truth from the start. Composed of 6 First Classmen and 6 Second Classmen, the Court has 3 responsibilities: 1) Educate the Corps on the Honor System and how it relates to the present 2) Investigate any suspected Honor Violations 3) Adjudicate any Honor Court cases. With only 12 individuals, it would be an arduous task if it was not for the help of the entire Corps. The Honor Code follows a cadet everywhere they go, even after graduation. Nowhere else can an Honor Code be respected as much as ours. That is what makes us unique and sets us a cut above the rest.



# OFFICER OF THE GUARD ASSOCIATION

## **President**

Thomas C. Collins

## **Vice President**

Matthew A. Jones

## **Secretary**

Christopher L. Stone

## **Defense Counsel**

John A. Anderson Timothy J. Stover

## **Representatives**

Alpha....Justin A. Woulfe

Bravo....Adam C. Rosenbaum

Charlie..Timothy R. Helmick

Delta.....Douglas E. Ziegenfuss

Echo.....Ian P. Camper

Foxtrot...Lewis S. Bartholomew

Golf....Matthew E. Pl

Hotel..Grant T. Harri

Band...Michael W. D



The Officer of the Guard Association, more commonly known as the OGA, provides a unique role to the Corps of Cadets by regulating issues of conduct that violate the Institute's regulations. The work to educate incoming cadets on their policies as well as remind upperclassmen of right conduct.

This organization is made up of First Class privates and is an extension of the General Committee. The OGA works along the principles of the class system much like the GC; however, investigations are private and not made public. Reports are made only to cadets and are followed up by a company representative. The purpose of the investigation is to determine whether a cadet has or has not violated the policies of the OGA. If someone has breached one of these regulations, then they are issued a penalty that the OGA deems worthy of their misconduct.

The OGA is a long standing fixture at VMI and continues to pursue the idea that the Corps is not associated with the Regimental system. Its membership of First Class privates reinforces the idea that privates are the backbone of the Corps.

# RAT DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

## President

Blake Faller

## Vice President

Kyle W. Schriefer

## Secretary

Timothy R. Papenfuse

## Operations Officer

Todd M. Baldwin

## First Class Representatives

Derek T. Behney  
Sua E. Freeman  
Andrew C. Ihnen  
h C. Sheckells

Christopher H. Chin  
Kyle A. Fricke  
William J. Keller II  
Kirk M. Steiner  
James F. Woodard II

Benjamin A. Chovanec  
Jeremy D. Hefner  
Christopher R. Petree  
Brenton L. Underwood  
Henry S. Zhang

Scott B. Donald  
Patrick T. Heiny  
David O. Raser, Jr.  
Michael D. Werner

## Second Class Representatives

mothy F. Labresh

Jason P. LaCerde

Anthony M. Menas

Justin M. Trowbridge



The Rat Disciplinary Committee (RDC) is the committee in charge of vindicating the ratline for every rat. RAT's fear or hate the RDC, but that is of little importance to the Committee. The impact the RDC has on every RAT's experience is different from RAT to RAT. Nevertheless, the RDC impacts every rat at some point in the RATLINE. Being a member of the RDC means giving up time and energy that is hard to come by at VMI.

This year was a very successful year for the RDC. The members and officers all gave an effort never seen by the RDC in the history of VMI. This year there were no company representatives. Instead, the class picked the best 18 members for the job. The Breakout master piece came from the work of the operations officers. The accountability and organization of the RDC was done to perfection by the Vice President and the Secretary. The everyday grunt work done by the representatives and second class representatives was kept intense and obeyed the rules of engagement set forth by the commandant staff and class system.

The cadets of 2009 have earned my respect. They worked hard through their ratline and in the end became a class. Each cadet in the class of 2009 gave me pride, and I am honored to have been the RDC President for such a strong class. There are many burdens before these cadets. They will remember though the day they carried each others burden to become a class. I wish the class of 2009 the best of luck. I doubt they will need it, though. They have started a new tradition and set the standard higher for every future cadet of VMI.

Blake Faller, RDC President

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# CADET EQUITY ASSOCIATION

## **President**

Lester A. Wagner II

## **Vice President Operations**

Jamaila Barrantes

## **Vice President Investigations**

Charlie Brennan

## **Representatives**

Bradley B. Bascope  
Jenifer M. Farkas  
Christopher N. Malta  
Andrew J. Rawling

Jeffrey M. Choma  
Kathleen M. Krenzel  
William J. Moeller, III  
Peter J. Relyea

Andrew P. Dernovsek  
Phillip J. Lacey  
Grant H. Pfeiffer  
Matthew J. Treadwell



The CEA is the cadet body of the Training and Investigations Office. We are a cadet run organization, with officers, company reps and apprentices composed of the upper classes in barrack. Andy Wagner, Charlie Brennan and Jamaila Barrantes are the officers. They have a certain sense of humor that gets them through these issues. We work closely with the OGA and the administration to deal with sexual harassment and other issues of cadet life. We have reorganized from our predecessor organization, Title IX in the summer of 2004. Our building is Lejeune Hall, but we have held training sessions in many buildings on Post. CEA representatives cut their summer short and came back early for training with cadre. We were required to do PT in the morning, but it was not too rigorous. This year our apprentices, Jeff Choma and Jenifer Farkas, represented VMI at a conference in Florida. Although we do not have trials like other committees, our rules for investigation and training are much the same.

# CLUBS





## American Chemical Society



Scott Donald	Jochen Granja	Matt Rexford	Heather Miras	Carolyn Lanier	John Tomsyck
Barry McCord	Shane Nunes	Julian Sculley	Matt Pacheco	Jill O'Hara	John Douglas
Matt Walker	Scott Lutterbie	Matthew Glomb	Kyle Fricke	Michael Kim	Grant Weatherford
	Zach Tharp	Erin Hottle	Hershel Lackey		

## Arnold Air Society



Mike Peranski	Nick Saccone	Rob Lydon	Nathan Harris	Phillip Wilkerson
Justin Atkins	Matt Saccone	Dayton Blume	Jon Anderson	

## Bataan Death March



Jeff Choma

Mike Vinacco

Andy Vezza

Joel Burger

Not Pictured: Dan McGraw

## Big Brother/ Big Sister



Anya Kovarik  
Jennifer Farkas  
Victor Karpov  
Michael Rice

Joselyn Wall  
Sally Coffman  
Joe Picariello  
Isaac Ostlund

Jacklyn Morton  
Britani Mack  
Chris Chang-Lo  
Sal Sferrazza

Mira Veis  
Tabitha Pinter  
Jay LaCerdia  
Joshua Garrett

Eri Kamura  
Edward Cook  
Ty Anthony  
John Terminato



## Cadet Investment Group



Jared Sheets	Brian Welch	Rich Meredith	Troy Nold	Maury Denton	Rhys Williams
Josh Copes	Thomas Zager	Casey Jones	Chris Brandriff	Mike Lloyd	Sean Hingley
Eric Hall	Travis Carter	Garrick Alden	Ryan Smith	Phil Hahn	Wes Haynes
Edwin Lugo	Grayson Ernst	Greg Barnekoff	Joseph Rainey	Andrew Upshaw	Andrew Walt
Fred Robinson	Charles Simmons	Stephen Putnam	Adam Glassick		

## Cadet Waiters



Kevin Simpson	Shawn Jones	Sally Coffman	Jeb Pinkerton	Burgess Lindsey	Derek Peter
Will Davis	Brian Yannetti	James White	Alex Harms	Justin Woulfe	Mic McGeore
	John Richardson	Drew Neckman	Geoffrey Parker	Mike Carney	

Waitress: Joseph Brennan, Marcus Brown, Zohn Burden, Joel Enterline, Ed Griffith, Nate Goldsmith, Justin Huggard, Jose Lopez, Gary Price, James Wicker

## Civil War Round Table



Thomas Stevenson  
Bryce Carter

Richard Johnson  
Joel Barnes  
Andrew Breer

Paul Boulden  
Ryan McCormick  
Brian Holt

Byron Faidley  
Benjamin Scudder  
Kirby Smith

Macks Collela  
Adam Tolson

## College Democrats



Oliver McElroy  
Shaun Jones

J.B. Thompson  
Joel Keneipp

Laura Hash  
Phil McCloskey

Andrea Walton  
Andrew Upshaw

Heather Miras



## Commanders



Chris Gathmann  
Andrew Stiles  
Jacob Collie

Pat Tangonan  
Brant Priest  
Jeremy Gibbs  
Evan Gallagher

Matt Bradley  
Andrew Ihnen  
Mario Capuozzo  
Sean Moran

Jeff Gilmore  
William Hening  
Dave Mayo

Danny Plitnik  
Josh Kenny  
Jon Schmidt

## Drill Team



CPT Casper  
Jimmy Duke  
Vince Abruzzese

Andrea Walton  
Zak Kovarik  
Andrew Krumm

Jared Weber  
SGM Neel  
William Ballou

Megan Brewster  
Geoffrey Parker  
Thelmar Rosarda

Kris Pitzer  
David Adams  
Mark Falcon

## EMTs



Daniel McKeegan  
Rob Jacaruso

Aaron Wallace  
Shaun Jones

Jon Glasscock  
Grayson Ernst

Nick Orzechowski  
Ryan Ernst

Sally Coffman

Steve Souchtchenko

Ryan Corcoran

## English Society



COL Ayau  
Mike Golike  
Gregory Lippiatt

Justin Abbinante  
Mike Doughton  
James Miller

Joel Burger  
COL Baragona  
Durham Snuffin

Shaun Jones  
Taylor McClure  
Timothy Green

Vincent Noel  
Whitney Matthews  
Michael Faison



## Firefighters



Mike Tudor

Shawn Jones

Ben Campbell

Paul Hiner

Zac Crush

## Glee Club



John Brodie (Director)	Sean Loman	Justin Adkins	Jeremy Gibbs	Terry Slack	Christoph L
Shannon Sellers	Dominique Baker	Holly Giacalone	Chris Brown	Andrew Aloisio	Philip Jone
Thomas Saunders	Ryan Rogers	Brian Sanders	Jacqueline Briski	Carrie Lauderdale	Becky Har
Joseph Tyler	Stephen Bennie	Nicholas Roncolato	Taylor Farley	Allen Kim	Amānda Fair
Berit Oftedahl	Ashley Rohls	Dayton Blume	Daniel Johnson	Doug Aloisio	Bryce Lewis
Montav Diggs	Joshua Anderson	Carrie McAtee	Allison Church	Nohelia Martin	Clayton Pier
Joshua Thompson		Kimball Yamasaki		Mary Kathryn Osborne	

## International Club



Ming Tsai  
Sam Alvarenga  
Ashley McCabe

Komgrit Kotcharaksa  
Wutthisan Luangjinda  
Nick Saccone

Stanley Cheng  
Andrea Walton  
Jamaila Barrantes

Mira Veis  
Andrew Upshaw  
William Maddox

Eri Kamura  
Alana Parks  
Matt Saccone

## Little John



William Pettit  
Tom Bradford

Glen Hammond  
Thomas Stevenson

Joseph Osuji  
Steven Mercer

William Maddox  
Ben Carlson

James Wicker  
Stuart Miner



## Model Arab League



Dr. Kiracofe  
Phillip Lundberg

MAJ Andreeva  
Addison Palanza

Safy El-din  
Greg Kosh  
Liam O'Brien  
James Woodard

Paul Witherspoon  
John Yohe

Mike Child  
Ray Mattia

## Pre-Law Society



Matt Sheridan  
Robyn Schaperjahn  
Mike Watson

Matt Pacheco  
Ryan Smith  
MAJ Hardenbergh

A.J. Betts  
Ryan Young  
Tyler Russell

Jon Terminato  
Dennis Harbin  
Chris Guy

Steve Mercer  
Dan Hennely  
Tom Wilson

Chris Beyer  
Chris Fields  
Phil Saunders

## Promaji Club



Travis Holmes  
Levar Josephs

Robert Mason  
Katrina Powell  
Jasper Watkins

Ashley West  
Ketra Alexander  
Zohn Burden

Corielle Parsons  
Frank Dolberry  
Jamil Kareem

Taili Evans  
Mark Searles

## Ranger Challenge



Nick Frank  
Liam Gilroy  
Chris Nelson

Josh Wilson  
Troy Nold  
Nathan McCall

Matt Hopchak  
Brittany Ray  
Blair Zarembo

Kirk Steiner  
Jon Tishman  
Pete Kirkendall

Roger Leonhard  
Macks Collala  
Evan Rodenberry

Mike Pesano  
Jon Donaldson



## Semper Fi Society



Joe Davidoski	Chris Pridgen	Brent Timmer	Major Laninga	James Leenhouts	Tyler Freeman
Jared Gastrock	Andee Walton	Tim Hichak	Pat McGill	John Plachta	Clinton Thompson
Dan Petronzio	Paul Witherspoon	Stu Miner	Mark Falcon	Patrick Schrafft	Michael Golike
Stephen Turner	Sean Day	Justin Trowbridge	Corielle Parsons	Christian Cortes	David Staab
Steven Bechtel	David Adams	Daniel Johnson	Michael Cadice	Quincy Washa	Tabitha Pinter
Nathan Harris	Richard Warner	Scott Sanders	Pat Gonzales	Christopher Boyls-White	

## Texas Club



Taylor Herring	Keith Jones	Jacob Ammon	Ronald McManus	Geoffrey Parker
Jose Lopez	Scott Montgomery	Hatley Clifford	Thomas Duncan	Richard Frantz

Not Pictured: Lynn Larson, Taylor McClure, Oliver McElroy, Clay Piersall, Matt Schreibfeder, SGT Wineman, Reed Heim

## Theater



Elise Jones	J.T. Alexander	Tom Saunders	Brandon Harrington	COL Francis Bush
Carrie Lauderdale	Brandi Pettey	Jessica Fulton	Tom Oxendine	Joellen Bland
Carolyn Lanier	Alana Parks	Josh Thompson	Sheryl Silvers	Clay Piersall
Carrie McAtee	Melou Piegari	Deuntay Diggs	Phil Jones	Michael Brickler
Greg Lippiatt	Adam Reel	Ryan Rogers	Jon Schmidt	

## Timmons-Gentry Music Society



Berit Oftedahl	Greg Stronko	Genya Skvortsov	Lewis Bartholomew	COL Rachels
Jimmy Angerman	Doug Aloisio	Liam O'Brien	Wes Haynes	Nate Ewoldt
	COL Tom Gentry	COL Baragona	Brian Lennon	



## Virginia Historical Society



Adam Tolson   David Patterson   Addison Palanza   Michael Doughton   Mark Lloyd  
Chase Perry   Prof. Coffey

## VMI Chapter Quad A Society



Kirby Smith   William Keller   Shawn Driver   Stephen Lloyd   Jack Daly  
Chris Chang-Lo   Joey Eanett   David Radke   Jeff Fusick   Matt Davis  
Wutthisan Luangjinda   Jason Brown   Tom Matthews

# The Cadet



Ant Priest Oliver McElroy Phil Pohlman Jenifer Farkas Keith Jones Jason Pettengill Jason Long  
 Ava Schultz Larry Richardson Kurt Helfrich Will Moeller Tim Beckley Kevin Finger Eric Bruns  
 Andy Czaplicki Geoff Parker Justin Bishop Taylor McClure Joel Burger Charlie Brennan  
 Josh Thompson Zac Kovarik Kyle Adams Joel Keneipp Shaun Jones (not pictured)

## Pub Frat



Pub Frat: The Legacy of Cadet Publications—an oral history that just so happens to be typed.

Although it may have existed in some earlier form, Publications Fraternity, or “Pub Frat” as it was called, was officially founded between 2002 and 2003 by a group of upper class cadets. The legacy of Pub Frat was passed down to the junior staff members and original members and particularly to their rats.

Publications Fraternity was originally made up of all members of both *The Cadet* and *The Bomb* who spent a substantial amount of time in the 300-level offices of Maury-Brooke Hall. Pub Frat was not just a club, nor was it a formal organization, but what it stood for was more to a lifestyle—a different way of looking at things. As described by the original members, Pub Frat originated from the time spent in Maury-Brooke, originally in pursuit of such plebian goals as working and studying. These long hours of toil on both the physical and regular academic workloads quickly degenerated into chaos. When the sun went down and the bugler sounded taps the night began on our beloved third floor.

Today Pub Frat has become substantially milder and now includes members of The Sounding Brass as well. Although many of the extreme nightly antics have drawn to a close, the general atmosphere and attitude that Pub Frat promotes is still alive and well. It is a extremely selective organization and is generally accepting of anyone willing to subscribe to its purpose. While that purpose may be unclear to lay persons, all true members understand and strive to perpetuate the meaning of Pub Frat. Although, on the surface, the primary goal would seem to be the creation of cadet publications, that has often “taken a back seat” to other objectives. Perhaps one of the founding members explained it best: “Pub Frat is about us. It is about a group of friends who foster a relaxed atmosphere, who have chosen to brighten their cadetships by creating a different type of bond with their fellow members. We watch them take movies, take trips, strive to keep the administration honest, entertain our fellow cadets, poke fun at those who take things too seriously, pursue crazy ideas, and....oh, by the way, we also put out a yearbook and a weekly newspaper.”



# CLUB SPORTS



"The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime."

- Babe Ruth

## BASKETBALL



Ncah Plemmons  
St Enterline

Paul Rice  
Ryan Hopping

Scott Luterbie  
Michael Peranski

Daniel Rickmond  
Eric Hunter

Andrew Holt  
Frank Dolberry

## BODYBUILDING



Atretti JD, Betts AE, Boyls-White CM, Bradley AT, Brown JK, Bryant DC, Campbell MF, Canceran GV, Cervoni MF, Chen H, Chung SY, Christian JT, Christiano JM, Cipperly EJ, Cronan AZ, Davis MS, Dietrich SM, Duval DJ, Esparolini EM, Fager MK, Faison BR, Faison MA, Fiore LJ, Funkey KR, Goncalves J, Graff CW, Harris NW, Harvey CS, Helfrich KW, Hohn JG, Hughes MP, Kacs KA, Keller TA, Kirkendall PF, Labresh TF, Langowsky JJ, Leary MS, Lopez JF, Luanginda W, Mattia RD, Menas AJ, Miller MV, Mozelle MS, Neal TJ, Pacheco MR, Panteleo TW, Phillips HA, Pinkerton JE, Pittman JM, Porter GL, Rexford MD, Ro RL, Rouleau JA, Sandman JG, Schmidt JT, Schrafft PA, Smith AE, Smith AJ, Smith GR, Stover TJ, Stribling AM, Swift DR, Taillow RM, Thompson RB, Timmer BM, Tolomeo AW, Truslow CD, Wallace AE, West ZJ, Widrick JE, Winter BD, Wu S, Yger CM, Young RR



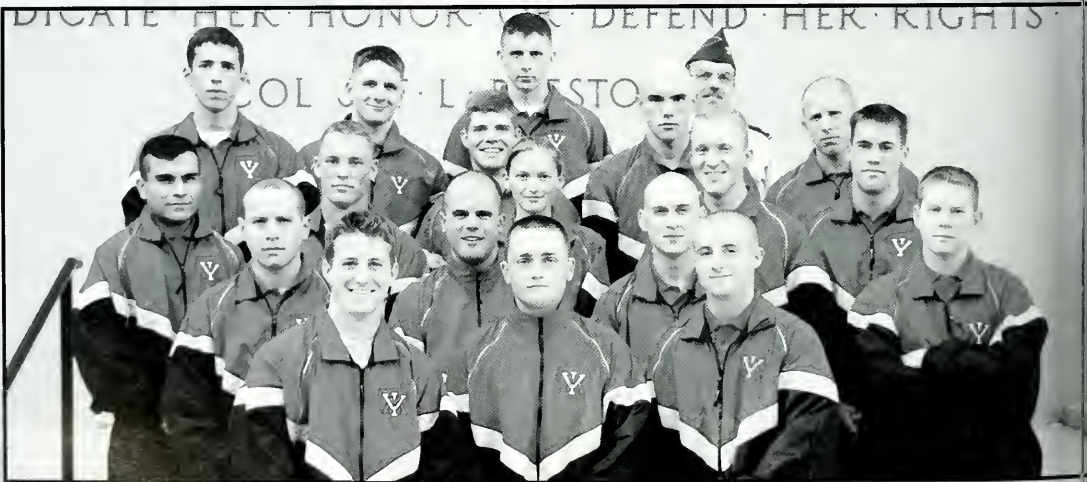
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Josh Taylor Elise Jones Heather Brown Jamaila Barrantes (CIC) Carrie McAtee Deuntay Digg

Janice Stevens (Coach)

## ENDURANCE SPORTS



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Tim Hichak	Michael Cornell	Tom Pepka	Marc Castillo	Jacob Swanson
Joel Burger	Liam O'Brien	Mike Doughton	Brian McGuire	
Sean Moran	Terry Slack	John Sheckells	John Douglas	
Richard Guy	Robyn Schaperjahn	Mike Morris	Brandon Kelly	
Col Bush				

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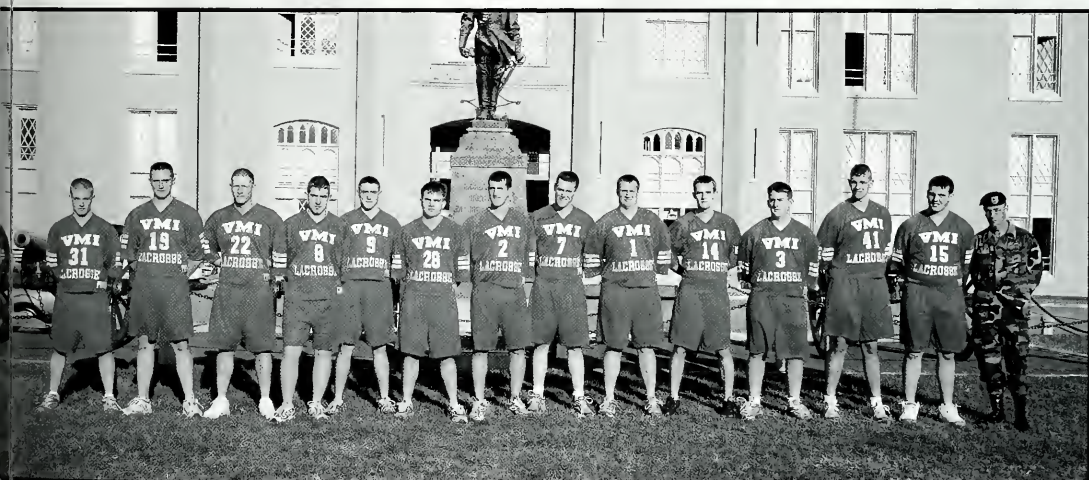
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 MC: Gregory Stronko  
 MCIC: Aaron Hawkins  
 Treasurer: Andrew Dernovsek

Casey Jones  
 Oliver McElroy  
 Taylor Schutze  
 Michael Vinacco

John Elliot Beducian  
 Joshua Thompson  
 Andrew Stiles  
 Matthew Walker

Shu-Chang Liu  
 Charles Major  
 Adam Tolson

## LACROSSE



Joseph Messina  
 Taylor McClure  
 Wadsworth Bugg

Allan Fortier  
 Victor Karpov  
 Gregory Quillen

Zachary Carmen  
 Lewis Bartholomew  
 Andrew Williams

Brian McGill  
 Robert Payne  
 MSG Goudy (Coach)

Patrick McGill  
 Nate Ewoldt



## MIXED MARTIAL ARTS



Grant Pfeiffer	Kyle Wills	Ross Henning	Kimble Yamasaki	Sensei Michael Rhoads
Michael Werle	Chris Nottingham	Michael Johnson	George Flathers	Brett Skoog
Thomas Shaffner	Nathaniel Murphy	Sean Ruppert	Benjamin Curle	Jonathan Kim

## POWERLIFTING



Nate Parsons	Chris Lomicka	Kyle Schriefer	Ben Chovanec
Han-Lung Jin	Ying-Chie Hsieh	Christopher Authier	Jordan Pagones
CPT Spath (Coach)	Brad Bascope	Glyn Phillips	Tom Zager
Matt Plant			

## RACQUETBALL



Chris Foltz	Ryan Tibbs	David Bhatta	Michael Werner	Jonathan Tibbs
Jackson Todd	Jonathan Mayhew	Chris Baker	Adam Glassick	Tom Wilson
David Raser	Will Davis	Ian Camper	Phil Johnson	Brandon Rocker
Burgess Lindsey	Jason Fraser	Brenton Underwood	Brad Steidle	

## SOCCER



Ed Grigorieff (Coach)	David Mercera	Robert Russman	Jack Daly	Komgrit Kotcharaksa
Jason Long	Christopher Chang-Lo	Nick Saccone	Branden DeLong	Steven Mercer
David Riedel	Michael Konev	Paul Hiner	Adam Barr	Molly Newton
Ekarach Chimpong	Erik Dupilka	Ted Davis	Dustin Schultz	Matthew Saccone
Christoph Lohr	Michael Tudor	William Pettit	Glen Hammond	Colin Burns
Brant Priest	Jon Woloshuk	Nate Brown	David No	



## SOFTBALL



Mellisa Arellano   Kady Rohan   Brittani Mack   Tabitha Pinter   Heather Miras   Eri Kamura  
Katherine Bopp   Narang Choi

## STRENGTH AND FITNESS



Cory Knick   Nathan Fifer   William Doyle   Daniel Strasser   Brandon Price  
Joseph Pickenpaugh   Jacob Vishneski   Justin Trowbridge   Adam Rosenbaum   Wilson Nance  
Daniel Rogers   Kyle Lynch   Matthew Treadwell   Tim Papenfuse   Yevgeniy Skvorts  
Frank Sanders   Stephen Bartosz

## VOLLEYBALL



David Mercera	Michael Scheed	Christopher Authier	Kyle Fricke	Nick Saccone
Matthew Saccone	Blake Faller	John Mundt	Ted Grigorieff (Coach)	Chris Chang-Lo
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## BIG RED CLUB

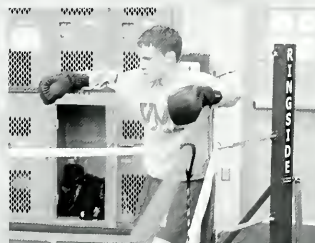
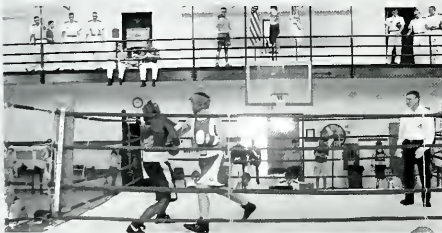


Bud Webb	Adam Rosenbaum	Seth Enterline	Tyler Monger	Andrew Walton
Chris Gilliland	Dan Wilmoth	Matt McGonegle	Mark Antonelli	





VMI Boxing in 2005-2006 consisted of a very small group of cadets. Some are contenders on a national level, while others have far less skill but compensate with enthusiasm. The team had a challenging but enjoyable year in their tiny new facilities, and ended the year better for the experience, if short a few brain cells from Todd Wilson's right hook. The team sent First Classmen Todd Wilson, Dan Osborne, and Chris Stolle to the Nationals, where Chris and Dan made it to the semi-finals and Todd took second place in his weight class. The First Classmen are glad they were a part of the team and ready to get out, the younger fighters are ready to advance, and we all had fun hitting people. That's pretty good for VMI.



# Ice Hockey



In only its second season as a well-organized team, the VMI Hockey Team once again had a successful season competing in the Blue Ridge Hockey Conference. Playing major schools such as the University of Richmond and Clemson University, the Keydets were able to come up with wins on a regular basis. The dedication of these cadets is enormous: ice practices only once a week, tying up 4 hours of a weekday afternoon because of the drive; 2 drylands a week, where they work on their endurance and at the same time build camaraderie; and the long weekends, with drives up to 7 hours in cramped personal cars and Institute vans to play for only a few hours. It was exactly that dedication that allowed the team to go 9-3-1 in the regular season, beating ODU for the first time, and make it to their second straight playoffs. Rats stepped up to fill the ranks when upperclassmen couldn't handle the grueling schedule, and the Corps came out in droves to support the team during the few "home" games in Roanoke. Radford respected the power of the Corps, of the Rings banging against the glass every time the Keydets scored or lost. Not a Radford player. Teams fear coming to play when the Corps is there, even beefing up their own defense when VMI travels to their rinks. SGM Neel once again showed his unwavering support for the team, giving motivating, mid-game speeches and coveted haydowns.

Finally, the First Classmen leaving the team: for all intents and purposes, this is the end of the "original" VMI Hockey team. Current firsts and seconds played together back when they were thirds and fourths, and the team played in an adult league in Roanoke, an informal affair ending in more fights than wins. But it was during this time that the bond between the team was built. As thirds and fourths, these players grew fond of each other, protecting one another both at the rink and outside its walls. The first classmen leave a hole not easily filled, in the roster and in the hearts of the team. We wish them well in all their endeavors, and maybe, just maybe, the next time they return, they'll find a rink here at the I. Next year the team will be ever more confident, as we build on the work of the Firsts and begins a new era of Club Sports.





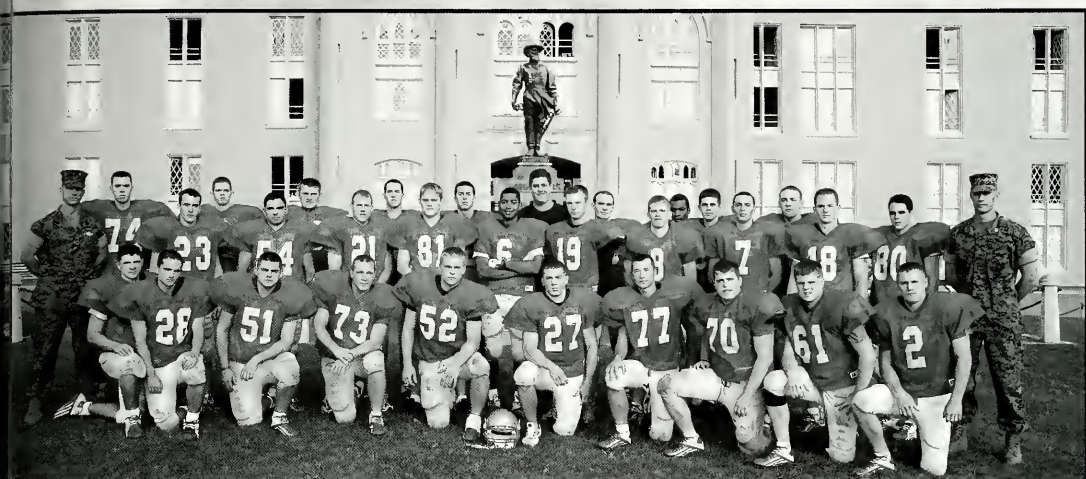


VMI Rugby got off to a good start, coming back early from summer furlough to begin practice. The VMI RFC beat Radford for the first time in 6 years and Virginia Tech for the first time in close to 25 years. This propelled the team to the state rugby tournament. The hard work paid off when the team placed 2nd in the state for Division II match play at the Ed and Sandy Lee Cup. This put the team in position to attend the Mid-Atlantic Regional qualifying match held in Reading, Pennsylvania. During spring furlough, the team traveled to Savannah, GA for the annual St. Patrick's Day Rugby Tournament. During that week leading up to the tournament, the team traveled to Charleston and played rival Citadel. Upon the return of the team from a full week of rugby, they traveled to Washington, D.C. for the annual Cherry Blossom tournament. After that, the team ended the season with the always anticipated Alumni match held over Reunion Weekend in April.





# Sprint Football



2005 was the first year in which VMI competed in Sprint Football, a sport developed for athletes under 175 pounds. The Keydets played games against three members of the Collegiate Sprint Football League, which was established in 1934 and is the only one of its kind in the country. Though it had the smallest number of players of any team in the league, the Keydet squad showed a great deal of heart and played all three of these games very competitively. Captains Nick O'Connor, Brad Beckner, and Tony Perez, along with linebackers Mike Maternick, Kyle Snider, and Jamil Kareem, anchored a defense that improved steadily over the course of the season, culminating in several interceptions and sacks and a defensive touchdown against Princeton at Alumni Memorial Field. Captain Jake Willis (halfback) scored the first touchdown in VMI Sprint Football history in a 39-12 loss at Cornell, and lineman Herbert Williams, quarterback Marcus Carlstrom, and receiver Pat Melshen were standouts on the offensive side of the ball. The 2005 VMI Sprint Football team, in its determination, spirit, and effort, made its Institute and proud and set the stage for future success in this exciting and fast-paced league.





# THE CORPS ROOTS THE LOODES

VMI's intercollegiate athletic history dates back to 1892 when cadet Walter H. Taylor served as captain and coach of the first football team. Since that time, VMI athletics has evolved into a rich and storied history that is proud to thrive. With the third smallest enrollment among NCAA Division I institutions and approximately one of the Corps of Cadets playing on an intercollegiate athletic team, VMI's athletic program is one of the nation's most active. The Institute currently fields 15 teams on the NCAA Division I level, competing in baseball, basketball, and women's cross-country; football, lacrosse, men's and women's rifle, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's indoor and outdoor track, and wrestling. The official mascot is, of course, the Keydet.



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### THE VMI DOXOLOGY

RED WHITE AND YELLOW FLOATS ON HIGH  
THE INSTITUTE SHALL NEVER DIE  
SO NOW KEYDETS WITH ONE VOICE CRY  
GOD BLESS OUR TEAM AND V-M-I

CROSS COUNTRY

LACROSSE

SWIMMING

RIFLE

BASEBALL



Keydet football ended their year with a disappointing loss against the Citadel putting them at 3-8 on the season with 2-2 in the Big South. The final game, the 64th Military Classic of the South, left senior Zohn Burden at a career high of 162 catches, 3 short of the Institute's all time record. Quarterback John Wilson raised his career total completions to 184, also the second best in VMI history. The Big Red will take to the field again in the fall with an impressive list of recruits, including a new coach. The redesigned stadium is scheduled to be finished in time to usher in the next era of VMI Keydet football.





# FOOTBALL



## 2005-2006

3 SEPT vs Davidson  
 10 SEPT vs William & Mary  
 17 SEPT at Duke  
 24 SEPT vs Lehigh  
 1 OCT at Liberty  
 8 OCT vs Charleston Southern  
 15 OCT at Wofford  
 22 OCT vs Gardner-Whitfield  
 29 OCT at Coastal Carolina  
 5 NOV at Richmond  
 19 NOV vs The Citadel

# NEVER







## Schedule

33-0
7-41
14-40
26-28
10-7
34-12
23-38
52-55 3-OT
14-38
3-38
14-22



# DIE





# FOOTBALL



Above (small) - senior Justin Huggard closes in on one of his many victims for the tackle. Above (large) - senior Todd Baldwin wraps up an opponent with help from teammates.







One month after a 22-14 loss against the Citadel, officials for the Virginia Military Institute announced that they would be seeking a new coach, and would eventually sign former University of Richmond coach Jim Reid. Cal McCombs was VMI's 28th head football coach with an overall record of 19-60. During his tenure as VMI's head coach he led the team to two consecutive 6-6 seasons, the Keydets best since 1981.





## THE RUNNIN' ROOS



### 2005-2006 Season Schedule

12 NOV vs Washington & Lee W 77-52  
 21 NOV vs Army L 49-53  
 23 NOV at N.C. State L 55-75  
 26 NOV at James Madison L 61-74  
 30 NOV vs Old Dominion L 62-77  
 2 DEC vs UVA Wise W 80-50  
 5 DEC vs Ferrum W 97-74  
 8 DEC at Army W 72-63  
 10 DEC vs Southern Virginia W 105-59  
 21 DEC at Towson W 80-78  
 29 DEC vs Loyola L 79-87  
 31 DEC at Maryland L 68-99  
 5 Jan vs Charleston Southern L 73-76  
 7 JAN vs Coastal Carolina W 88-77

12 JAN vs High Point L 60-101  
 14 JAN vs Liberty W 84-68  
 18 JAN at Birmingham Southern L 63-77  
 21 JAN at UNC Asheville L 63-77  
 26 JAN at Radford L 77-101  
 30 JAN vs Winthrop L 63-74  
 2 FEB at Liberty L 67-71  
 4 FEB vs Birmingham Southern L 63-77  
 8 FEB at Winthrop L 66-99  
 11 FEB vs UNC Asheville L 74-77  
 15 FEB at High Point L 75-77  
 18 FEB at Charleston Southern L 63-77  
 20 FEB at Coastal Carolina L 63-77  
 23 FEB vs Radford L 63-77

# BASKETBALL

Runnin' Roos, VMI's varsity basketball team, came into the season with a newly appointed coach, Duggar Baucom. The transition from old to new had its toll early in the season, as did the loss of a teammate, but the team started to come together under its new leadership in mid-December on a 5 game run. Ultimately, it seems as though the road has been paved for the next season. VMI closed the season 7-20 overall, 2-14 in the Big South. The Roos lost their shot at any championship seeding with their loss to UNC on 23 Feb, their final game of the season. The game was the last in the red and white uniform for seniors Preston Beverly and Tadas Mankevicius.





# BASKETBALL





# BASKETBALL



Reggie Williams, forward, ranked 3rd in the Big South in scoring and 5th in rebounding. Travis Holmes, guard, ranked 5th in the Big South in steals. Tadas Mankevicius, center, made Big South All-Academic for the third year and led the team in blocks with 15.





# WRESTLING



- 13 NOV vs North Carolina L 15-32
- 13 NOV vs Duke W 22-15
- 20 NOV at Keystone Classic 9th of 10
- 2 DEC vs Gardner Webb L 13-27
- 4 DEC at Penn State Nittany Lion no scores
- 29 DEC at Southern Scuffle Day One
- 30 DEC at Southern Scuffle 25th of 32
- 4 JAN vs Virginia L 6-29
- 7 JAN at Virginia State 3rd of 5
- 13 JAN at George Mason W 24-20
- 18 JAN vs Davidson T 19-19
- 21 JAN at Maryland L 15-26
- 26 JAN at Appalachian State L 10-24
- 2 FEB vs the Citadel L 15-24
- 4 FEB All Academy Championships 4th of 8
- 10 FEB vs Chattanooga L 6-32
- 15 FEB at UNC Greensboro L 14-22
- 16 FEB at Old Dominion L 12-28
- 4 MAR SoCon Championships 5th of 6



# WRESTLING







Above - Ashley West takes on the hurdles at Coastal Carolina.  
Left - Shelly Mackall at full speed.  
Below - Ania Najda leads the pack.



# TRACK & FIELD



VMI men's indoor track and field program took home a fourth place finish during the Big South Conference Championships at Clemson, SC, with the women's side finishing in eighth. Taili Evans took home special honors, named Freshman of the Year on the men's side, while Ben Sullivan earned the Big South Men's Scholar-Athlete of the Year award. Kelsey Stafford's efforts in the 5,000m run were enough to break the school record with a time of 18:41.58.

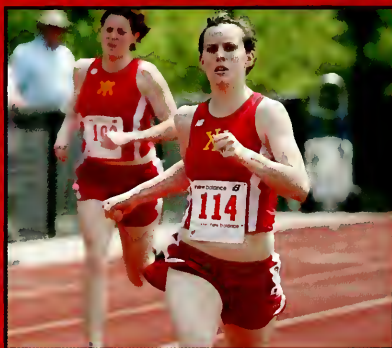




# TRACK & FIELD



Above - senior Chris Brann in mid-throw in the javelin event.  
 Bottom left - Ketra Alexander works up for a shotput throw.  
 Left - senior Shawn Hooper jumps over a water obstacle during the steeplechase event.  
 Upper left - freshman Corey Parsons works his way over the hurdles.





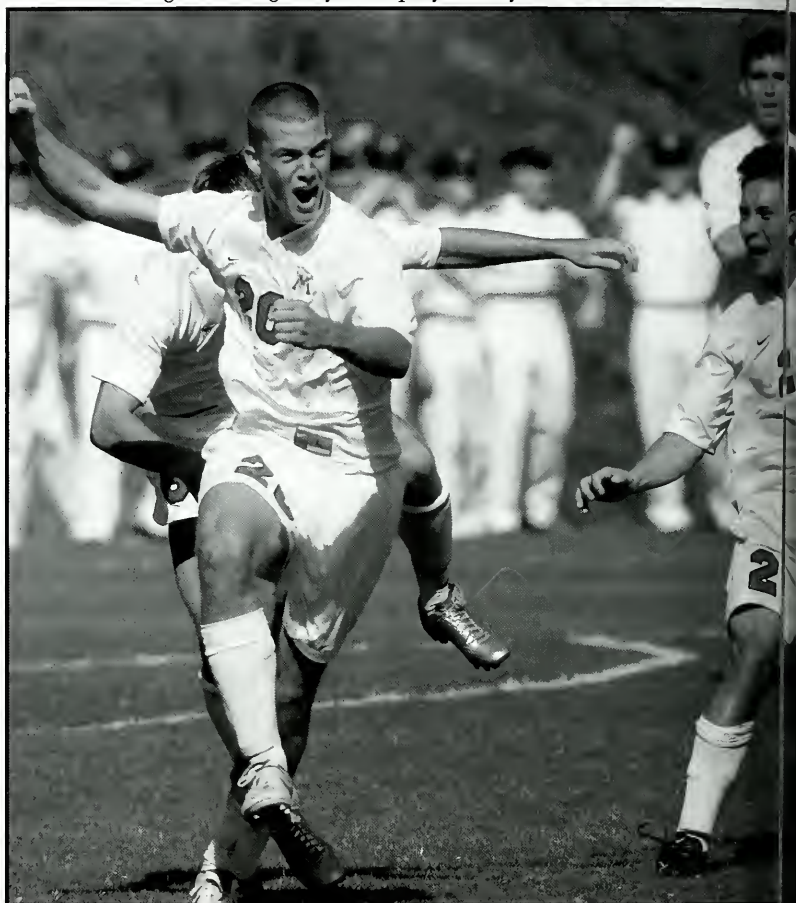
The transition into Outdoor Track season saw eighth and fifth place finishes on the women's and men's sides, respectively. Ashley West had a big performance, breaking her previous school record in the 100m hurdles with a time of 14.71. On the men's side, Chris Brandriff, ranked 34<sup>th</sup> in the country, threw a second place finish in the meet and picked up honors as the Big South Men's Scholar-Athlete of the Year.



# SOCCER



After a tough fall and spring season, VMI men's soccer is looking forward to a new year. The team completed the fall season with a 9-10-1 overall record and is graduating only two players, Kyle Fricke and Kevin Aldridge.



The team is anticipating great results from the returning 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 1<sup>st</sup> classmen, not to mention the incoming Rats. Under the watchful eye of new head coach Ben Freakley, assistant coach Henry Ellis, and team captain Josh Van Cleef, the players have no doubt that they will have a great season next year, and make a run at the Big South Conference Tournament.





VMI's women's soccer saw their most successful season in the three-year history of the program. The seven wins this year represent the most the Keydets have ever had in a season. Notably, the 4-2 win over High Point in mid-October was their first Big South win.

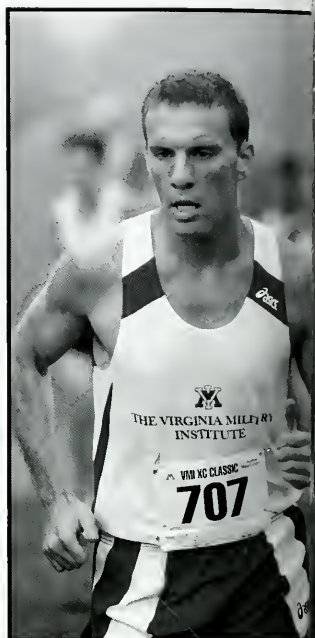




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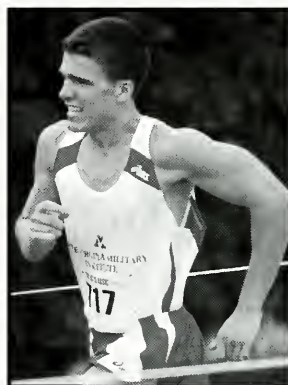


The VMI men's cross country team wrapped up one of their most successful programs to date, finishing 19th of 30 teams at the NCAA Southeast Regional meet. The Keydets have also been recognized by the Big South Conference with the Team Sportsmanship Award for men's cross country.





# CROSS COUNTRY

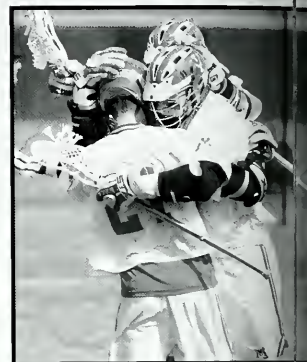


captured its first-ever All-Conference women's cross country title with freshman Kelsey Stafford, becoming a top performer and pacing the Keydets to a fifth-place finish at the 2005 New Balance Big South Conference Women's CrossCountry Championships, hosted by VMI at the Virginia Horse Center. It marked the highest finish for a VMI women's cross country team since the team's beginning.





# LACROSSE



The guidance of Coaches Bartlett, Grant, and St. Laurent served as the team's foundation. On the field however, it was the individual, positional, and team efforts that generated accomplishment.







The Keydet LAX team was chock full of seniors this year, whose impressive combination of talent led to explosive wins over Robert Morris University, Providence College, and Wagner College. This leadership, combined with the impressive skills of numerous underclassmen, resulted in a season characterized by tough competition and determination. Whether on the "Patch" or afar, the Keydets played relentlessly, as any spectator could attest.

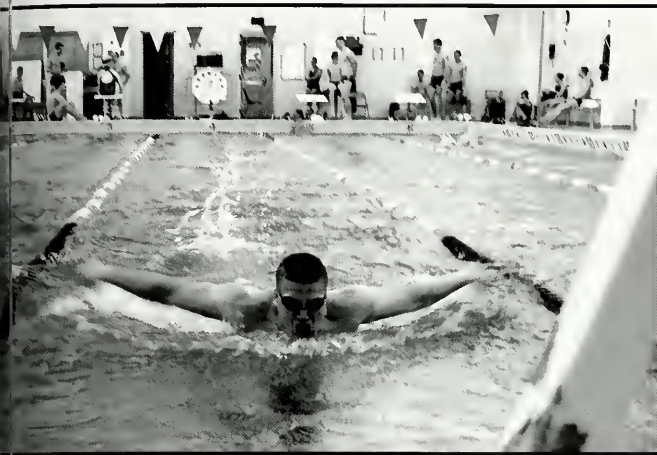




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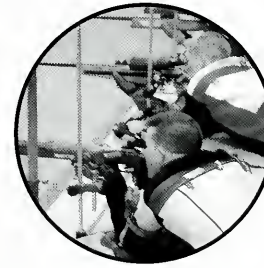
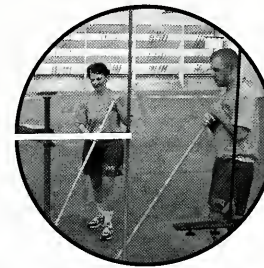
Keylet swimming experienced one of their best seasons to date. The team traveled to North Carolina, Maryland, Washington, and several other places for swim meets throughout the season. After seven months of training, hard work, and constant dedication, the team brought home the first conference championship in over 40 years. There was a great amount of talent on the team this year, and they expect to win the conference championship again next season under coach Bill Nicholson.







From the underground shooting range in VMI's Kilbourne Hall, the Keydet Rifle team shot its way through the district competitions for a spot at the top. During their season they defeated teams such as the Citadel and the Coast Guard Academy, ending their year with the capture of the Expert Division Championship Air Rifle Title at the Mid Atlantic Conference (MAC).

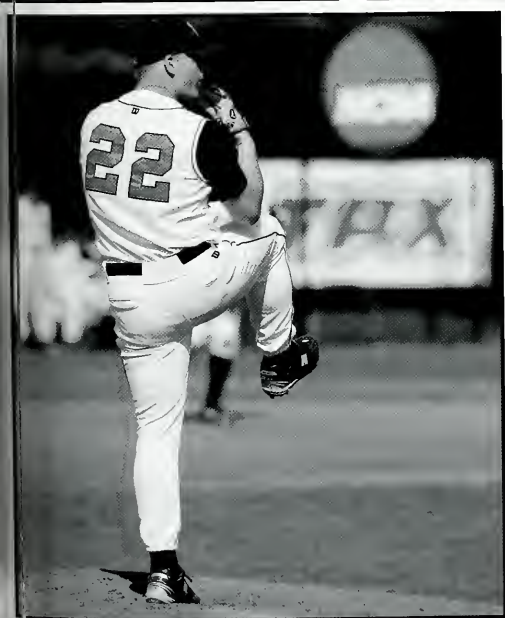
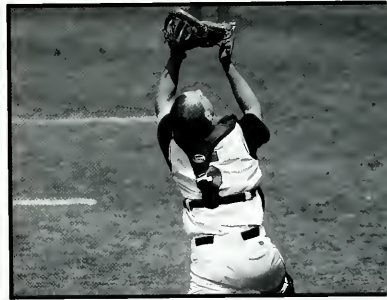
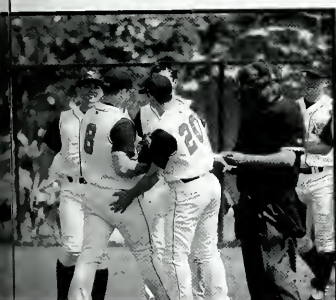
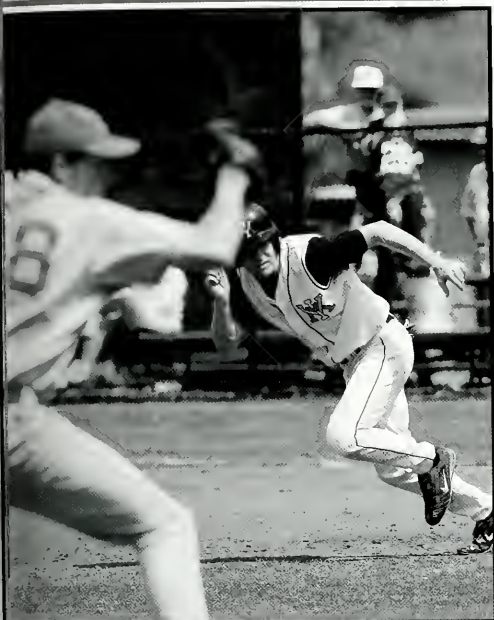






Some came to take in the American tradition. Others came for the PT credit. But, regardless of their reason, everyone stayed once VMI's baseball team took to the diamond in what has proven to be one of the Keydets' best seasons in recent history.







# New Market March

17 November, 2005



The Fearless Leaders



Thumbs Up All Around



Halfway Done



80-Mile New Market March  
31 August- 4 September



Finally Finished





## Fourth Class FTX

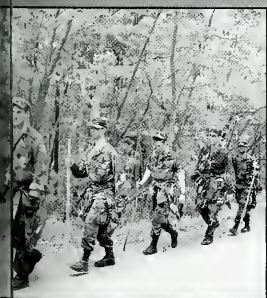
This year's Fourth Class FTX again served as an excellent adventure for the dedicated Army or Marine cadets, and as a reminder to either not commission or to switch over to the Air Force or Navy for everyone else. The main difference this year was an introduction of an "Op-For," which would "capture" groups and then either take their food away, dump out their water, or throw gear into a stream. The majority of the Fourth Class reportedly did enjoy the experience, with the consensus that in the end the FTX was not as bad as expected.



Trying to Stay Warm



Gazing Through the Fire



So Much For Not Walking on the Road



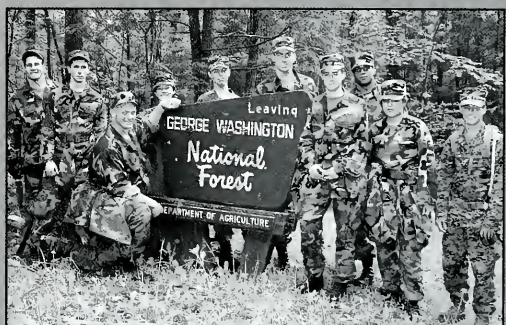
A Sweet Set-Up



Some Much-Needed Sleep



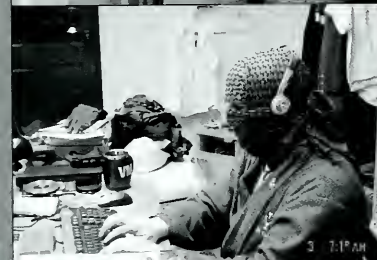
Spooning With BRs



Almost Finished...



# 2008...Third Class Year is Finally Over



...But the End Finally



# 2007...Welcome to the Brotherhood

The collage consists of 18 black and white photographs arranged in a grid-like fashion. The photos depict various activities of the Varsity Men's Association (VMA) in 2007. The images show students socializing, playing instruments, participating in sports, and posing for group shots. The photos are as follows:

- Top left: A group of students sitting at a table, possibly at a social event.
- Top center: A close-up of a student wearing glasses, smiling and holding a small object.
- Top right: A group of students standing outdoors in front of a building.
- Second row, left: A student playing an electric guitar.
- Second row, center: A graphic featuring the text "ABOVE" and "2007" with a building illustration.
- Second row, right: A large group of students posing for a group photo outdoors.
- Third row, left: A student in a military-style uniform holding a bottle.
- Third row, center: A student drinking from a cup.
- Third row, right: A student in a white polo shirt holding a bottle.
- Fourth row, left: A student in a military-style uniform.
- Fourth row, center: A student in a white shirt and dark shorts.
- Fourth row, right: A group of students standing outdoors.
- Fifth row, left: A student in a white shirt and dark shorts.
- Fifth row, center: A group of students sitting around a table, possibly at a social event.
- Fifth row, right: A group of students standing outdoors.



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# Final Days

18 JUNE 1970

19 JUNE 1970

EXPERTS ONLY

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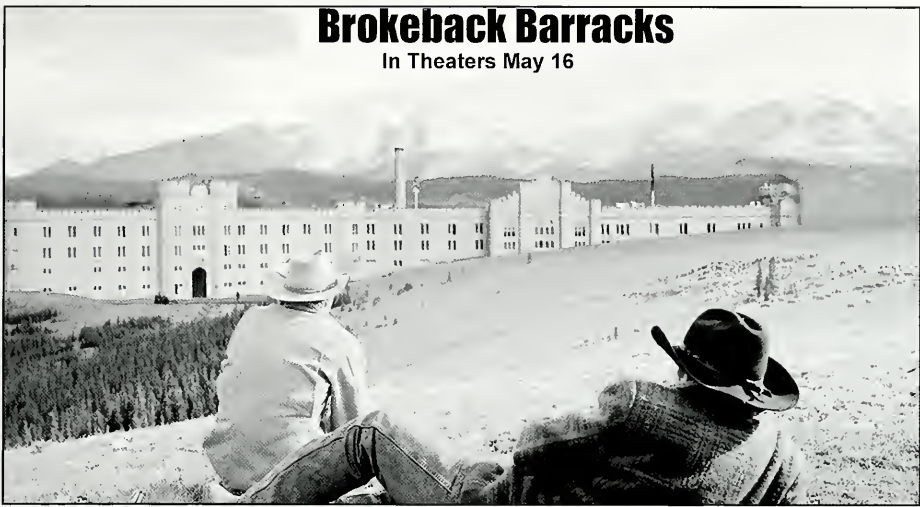
# OUTRAGE



"I hate when people from other schools yell 'Y SUCKS!!!!' Not because I find it offensive, but because they have no idea how bad it really

# Brokeback Barracks

In Theaters May 16



## One Final Question From '06 Regarding Polywools: How Does This Make Sense?

States Military Academy: Professional



VMI: "I always  
thought those looked  
unprofessional."



What Rats Used  
to be Able to  
Complain About



## ROTC Comparison...Who Wins in the End?



Army



Navy/Marines



Air Force



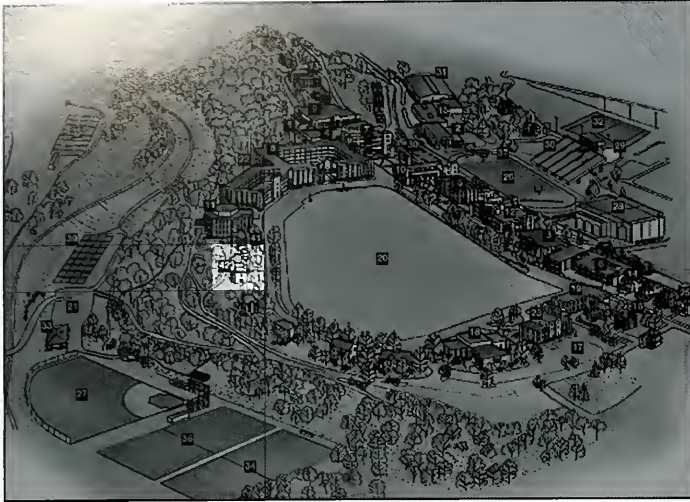
Army ROTC at a Normal College

What Rats  
Complain  
About Now





## Post Map\*



\*Areas Where Everyone Will be Inconvenienced Due to Construction Marked in Gray

### Our Interpretation of a Recent Donation Thank-you Speech

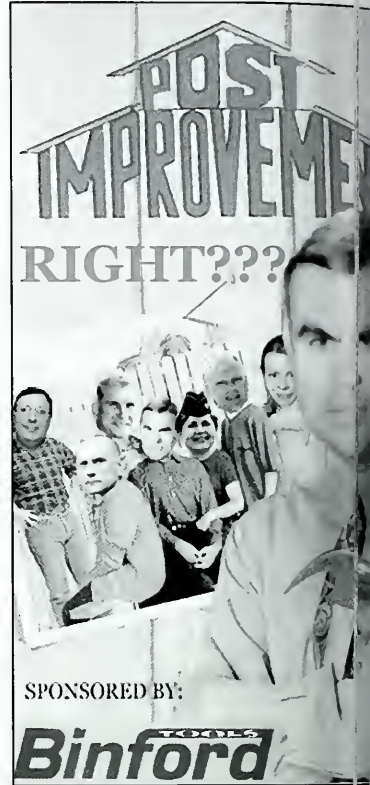
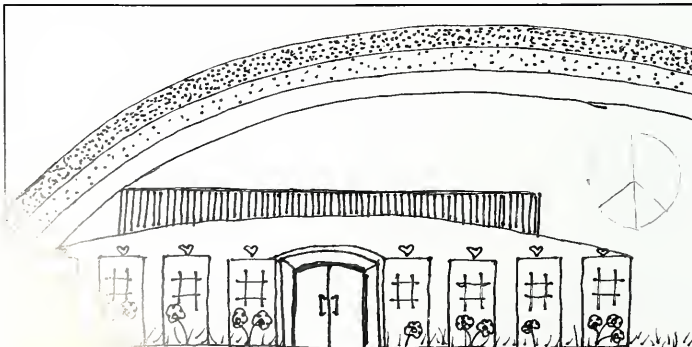
'After receiving money from the Class of 19\_\_, the generosity of this donation will go towards Vision 2039, which will benefit the lives of future cadets, *as well as current cadets.*'

Really? In the last three years, the only "benefits" we've seen are...

- a 15 minute walk to any Engineering Class
- Gray Blouse SRC!!!
- CAPTAIN Tugman...Thanks [suggested by a female cadet]
- Prison Worker Food on Paper Plates in an Overfilled Mess Hall
- Let's Be Honest, We Only Have 372 Pages Available

### The \$200 Million Leadership and Ethics Center

'Instead of Allowing Cadets to Lead We Can Just Teach Them About it!'



Official New Cover for the Cp



The only difficulty is taping the pictures of our "girlfriend" inside

An alumnus' quote,  
is obviously not the  
work of the Bomb staff.

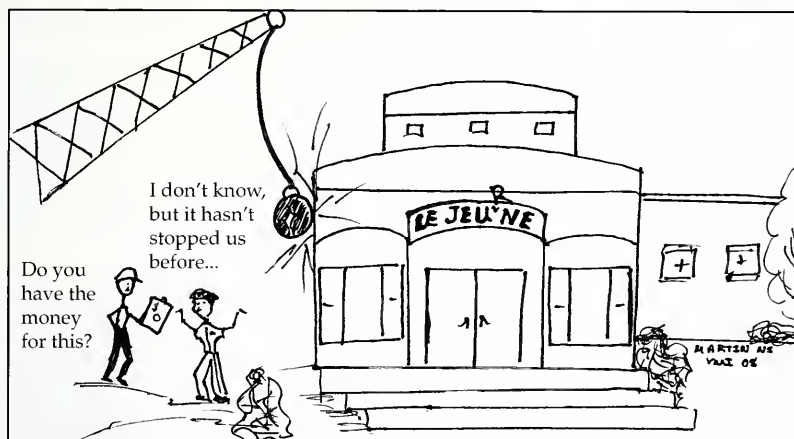
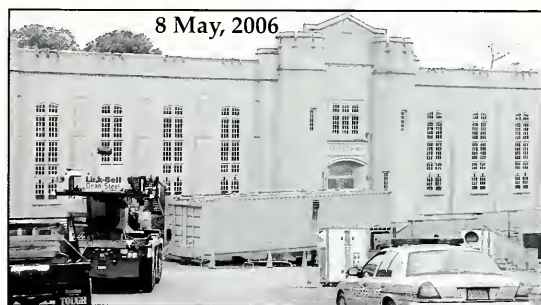
### From This Year's Calendar

Project	Projected Completion	Status
Barracks Completion	Aug. 19th	Col. Moncure's Office Remains the Only Room Where Everything Works.
Mess Hall Renovation	Feb. 06?	See Below.
JM Hall Renovation	May 06	Commissioning in Cameron Hall Was Awesome.



### The trailer has been removed...

One step forward  
for Vision 2039, but  
we're still eating off  
of %^&\*(!@ paper  
plates



### Today's Ranking of Majors at VMI

1. Business/ Econ
2. International Studies
3. History
4. Mechanical Engineering
5. Civil Engineering
6. Psychology
7. Biology
8. Electrical Engineering
9. English
10. Computer Science
11. Chemistry
12. Modern Languages
13. Physics
14. Math

### The Ranking in 2039

1. Civil Engineering
2. Mechanical Engineering
2. Electrical Engineering
4. Army ROTC
5. Barracks Renovation Engineering
6. Equity and Professionalism Studies
7. Construction (Concentration in Impractical Timelines and Wasteful Spending)
8. Bone-Deep Caring
9. Motivation (Concentration in Misery and a Spartan Existence)
10. Football

Isn't Everything Else Irrelevant, Anyway?



# We'd Like To Tell You That...

The Band and Sleeveless  
Shirt Were Intimidating,



But Instead it's Just Like Steve Erkel  
and Eric Cartman Before Pilates.

He Was Looking Out For  
Cadets' Well-Being,



But He's Actually  
Searching For His Purpose.

He Posed For This,



But Someone Told Him There Was  
Steak Under Home Plate

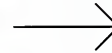
## This is Not The Inevitable Progression



Cadet Faust



Air Force ROTC



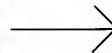
A Logical Captain  
That Cadets Like



That Same Logical  
Captain



3 Years on the  
Commandant's  
Staff



For the Sake of the  
Classes Below Us,  
Please God Don't  
Become This



- 1) The Smile is Still There Deep Down.
- 2) This Was Not Both a Communist and  
a Hippie Haircut.  
(Especially since it is from the '70s)



## Welcome Back Alumni

For the benefit of all concerned, please follow these simple rules:

1. Sign in and out of the Guard Room and obtain a Barracks Pass. This is not necessary during Old Yells in the Courtyard.

2. Do Not enter Barracks under the influence of alcohol or with alcoholic beverages/containers

3. Do Not trifle with the Rats (stop to question, correct their "strain," drop for pushups).

Do Not Let Rats out of the Rat Line unless you are accompanying a Rat.

Thanks for your cooperation. Enjoy your weekend

Commandant's Staff

These Rules are  
**Optional**

Enough Said

A.K.A the Commandant's Staff. Cadets love when Alumni come into Barracks. We have to listen to how easy we have it now, but we also get to hear the stories of when the Corps truly ran Barracks.



(1957)

Cost to replace a burnt pair of woolies:

\$119.78

Bone for burning that pair of woolies:

10-6-30, with the added accusation of destroying Institute property

VMI destroying another long-standing tradition:

Priceless

## 10 Reasons Why SGM is the Best Class in Barracks

Has now officially boned more cadets than Cadet Captain Brandon Wheeler.

He has been at VMI for at least 8 years and still hasn't graduated. (John Boulden-Neel?)

Tries to make everyone strain....even though he never has.

Has used the phrase "How about you go get more properly dressed."

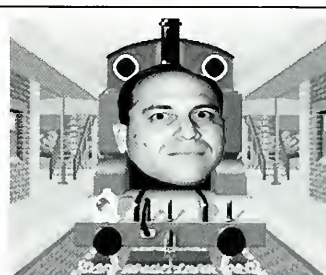
Boned a First Classmen for 'Conduct Unbecoming a Cadet' for laying in the courtyard and talking on his cell phone.

Gave FIRST Classmen non-debatable 0-1-5's for their clean rooms because he "loves his First Classmen."

Orders Alumni Around "His Barracks" and "His Ratline".....I wonder if any of them have asked when he broke out?

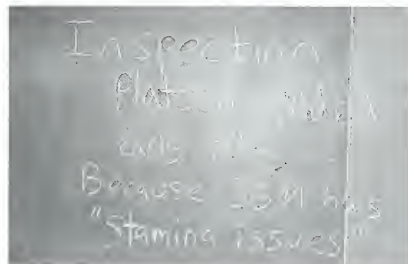
Upperclassmen know they're screwed if it's that time of the 'Neel-strual' cycle.

Considered by '04 as the Most Likely to Bone an Honorary BR.



L-Train: We would have put you and your "Spin-a-Bone" in again this year, but we'll just do your job for you....

see Me  
-L



4th Class FTX...the biggest roadblock to reaching a 70% commissioning rate.



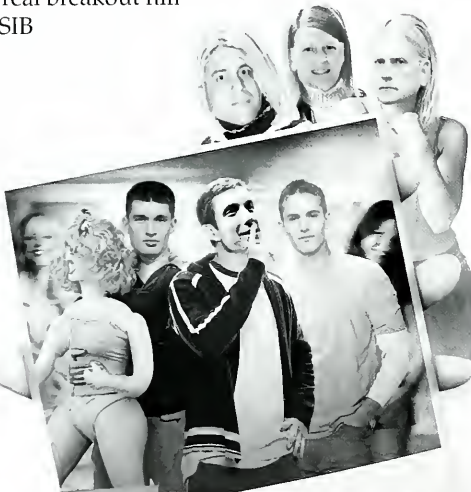
# THE CLASS OF 2006

## What We're Leaving With

- Pips
- Tie-clasps
- Beltloops
- MAJ Cook and MSG Goudy
- Dave Mayo and Justin Guy
- Super-short stall doors
- Ability to smoke anywhere in barracks
- No formations on Sundays
- Tuition costs of "only" \$15,000/\$28,400
- Non-issued bathrobes
- Lejeune Hall
- CTT?
- LA Beach
- Spanky's
- Stollewood
- Artie Noel
- "Flip Me"
- CPT Archer (see p. 48)
- Mark "big man on campus" Searles
- Steve Bartoszak-Miras
- Skymarshall
- Rat riots
- A real breakout hill
- NSIB

## What We're Leaving Behind

- The Class of 2009
- Grey blouse SRC
- Sweet fades
- Kathy Lavender's mass emails
- Col. Richardson's mental health days
- SGM and his NCMT
- Bi-weekly formal room inspections
- Professionalism
- Overcoat inspections
- Post construction
- Jonathan Daniels Day
- Dyke-rat inspections (2007: have fun with those)
- All our BRs who only need one more class to graduate
- The third of four RDC presidents in our cadetship due to a language class
- Non-burned woolies
- Trish
- "Over-Friendly" stoopies
- Lisa Arch
- Special Actions Detachment
- Capt Blakey
- Plenty of Dude Love
- The stockpile of alcohol in L-Train's office
- Vision 2039



**OLD CORPS**

**Starring:**

Mike "Ironman" Pasquale

Chris "The Princess Peace of VA Beach" Stolle

Paul "Gay Dog" Welsh

**"Directors":**

The Hutch, L-Train,

and "My Son Is Cool" Moncure

and the underclassmen,

and the Old Corps.

(and the humor.)

## Golf Co. Provides Our Class Good-Bye Salute



Hanging out in the Commandant's House with His Daughters and Some Non-Regulation Beverages



# The Best of The Cadet

## POLLYWOOL

### ore Doorcards!!!

ITY	MY RAT
JR	ALREADY
ARE	STOPPED
	CARING
P.T.	
NOT	TITLE IX CEA
NAL!	HEADHUNTER
IB	O.C. FAN

### Top Ten Things To Do At a Dinner with General Peay

- 10) The invitation only says grey blouse...who needs pants
- 9) What do you get for that superintendent that has everything...barracks rot.  
A little coughing around the toothbrushes is all you need for the gift that keeps on giving.
- 8) Ask the maid which closet they put Chalkley in every evening to recharge his batteries.
- 7) Conclude every response to the General with the phrase, "my lord" a la Star Wars or King Arthur.
- 6) Grab the book off his nighstand and amend every instance of the word idea to read "idear."
- 5) Ask to be taken to the champagne room...trust me, you won't regret it.
- 4) Play hide the stars. Here's a hint: he never uses the "bone deep caring closet."
- 3) Tell him the only improvement needed in Vision 2039 is the upgrade of the Stoopies to the model that does not use the shower full of naked cadets as a smoking lounge.
- 2) Ask him if Capt Blakey is his father
- 1) And at the top of the list, solely for the risk factor involved...Say what you really think.



### The Email Bandit Found Dead! He Will Be Sooooo Missed



### SUBJECT: Special Report

**TO CADET: McElroy II, Oliver C.**  
You will answer by endorsement hereon the following SPECIAL REPORTS WILL BE ANSWERED IN PER only).

Boning Official: Faust, Kevin L.  
Offense Date: 3/2/2006  
S1050  
MISCELLANEOUS  
i.e.,

wearing white socks in the Commandant's Office

**inge:**  
RUGBY vs. VMI RATS! 1:00-TODAY. GET OUT  
Mark it on your calendar...because your hometown  
will be saying farewell to parents weekend with the  
in event of the season. The MINKS have one of the  
exciting and successful teams in years, so be sure to  
the fun on this one. This is a HUGE game. Bring your  
friend friends and come help W&L.  
VMI PARADE GROUNDS  
to come show your Ma and Pa why you are so glad  
at not a short-hair-having, run-for-fun-doing, hanging-  
guys-consequently, this-is-my-tool-and-this-is-my  
canting old VMI RAT.

**ual:**  
at VMI 38-W&L 10  
or VMI 41- W&L 0 (After only the FIRST HALF)

Tough words from a bunch of tough guys. How about  
eve the game of Rugby to the real men (we beat  
er year...) and go back to your pampered hippie  
provided by mommy and daddy. Maybe they still  
you out for ice cream after losing the games, then  
vi Dennis for a Lacoste shirt and some Rainbows.  
my have talked a lot of trash but we don't care...  
e at VMI we're better than you, and we know it!

### Top Ten High School Zeroes to VMI Heroes

- 10) Cpl. "Get Some" Schrafft
- 9) Jason "Not That" Long
- 8) Color Cpl. "Sweet Fade" Warner
- 7) Dave "Checkout my great" Bhatta
- 6) Scott "Send-up" Sanders
- 5) Larry "Beaver Pelt" Richardson
- 4) Jesse "'Dems fightin' verdz" Burnette
- 3) Jason "Pork-chop" Fraser
- 2) Pat "I'm not my brother" McGill
- 1) Travis "Messiah" Carter

### THE Hero Zero:

Steve-O "Sweet Pea" Bartoszak-Miras



# #1 CLUB '06 Style



## **President HelmickTR**

**PW Isn't Enough...** This cadet enjoyed a Friday night too much and decided it would be a great idea to not just relieve himself on Cyrus McCormick, but to climb all over him as well. Uncle Eric must have taken offense because he chased down this cadet while in full mess dress and blindsided him.



## **Vice-President RohlfsvQV**

**More Tactical Training Required...**A quick exit out a second stoop window began the smooth first leg of the alcohol run, but the return trip was another story. This cadet somehow successfully returned to his room via the tunnel behind barracks using his cell phone as a flashlight, but CPT Blakey saw him run into his room.



## **Secretary DudleyCT**

He really does watch boys when they pee...just ask this cadet who was caught by old man Blakey drinking his beer in the bathroom. He got an A-1 and a therapy bill.



**MurrayCF PorterHC**



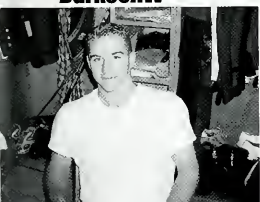
**Thirds- Drinking is for**  
...These cadets decided  
Spring FTX into VMI's  
Week," but Chap caught  
two cadets as they were  
ng off their bottles.

**PolomewLS KennedyJS**

and Nemo don't mix...after  
a cocktail was the only way to  
gh "Finding Nemo", these 2 lost  
nks to Maj. Dowling before they  
oose play on the DVD Menu.



**DurkeeRW**



**ways remember your**  
be...After a drunken trek  
the bathroom without his  
pe this cadet got himself  
d his roommates an A-  
by drawing the attention  
the L-Train to his room.

**Police Hard at Work...**

le dyke did not see  
st police at the 24-  
or during a barrack's  
so he did not realize  
let had purposefully  
backpack that was  
'supplies' in the car.



**MaddoxWH**

**Sergeants at Arms**

**WickerJG NagleJC BehneyDT**

**Taking one for the team...**...a bit of luck caught  
these cadets. After receiving their own A-1's  
they destroyed a list of other cadets who had  
also received A-1's on the trip to Charlotte to  
play the Citadel. They got a few cadets off  
the hook, but not without receiving a penalty.



**SmithCD YannettiBW MurrayCF**

**Christmas break is a lonely time**  
**here at VMI...**After a day of practice  
all these cadets wanted to do was  
relieve the stress they had built up from  
grabbing at each other in tight spandex,  
but Post 5-0 ruined their fun by running  
the hospital check later than scheduled.



**IvinsCI**



**The good thing about a bomb is**  
**all of the evidence blows up...**  
Except for this cadet who had an  
unlucky run-in with LTC Funk for  
throwing an MRE bomb after taps.

**OsborneDL**



**LoucksRJ**



**Taking a Bite out of Fun...**On  
Frid Dog's last night as Tac, a  
surprise 0330 wall locker inspection  
uncovered a two month-old empty  
bottle. After only one week of  
confinement, however, Gov. Warner  
came to once again save the day.

**QuillenGG FallerB**

**The real reason to be a Physics**  
**Major...**These 2 were caught with beer  
in their physics study carrels rat year,  
but thanks to the great Gov. Warner only  
had to deal with con pro 3<sup>rd</sup> class year.



**AlleyJG**



**Welcome back Graham...**This  
cadet's sins caught up to him  
upon returning to the Insti-  
tute after getting caught with  
4 cases of beer at the end of  
his 3<sup>rd</sup> class year. Since he  
took the next year off amnesty  
did not help, and he received  
the penalty upon his return.

**Thank God for Amnesty...**

This cadet got his A-1 for  
Pre-gaming before the  
first class party and not  
getting rid of the evidence.



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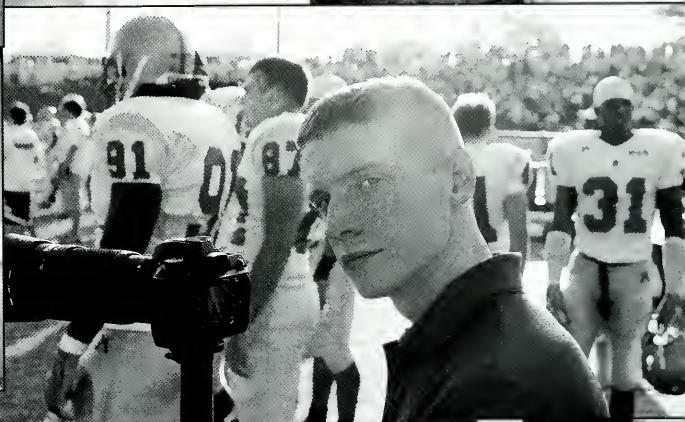
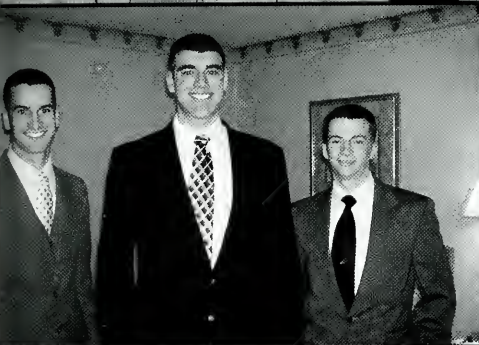
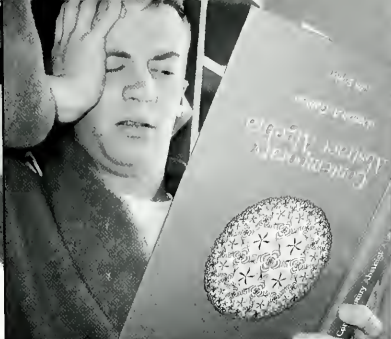
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# FROM THE EDITOR

My experience as Editor-in-Chief began with an explanation of how, in the event of any lawsuit against the *Bomb*, VMI sheds all responsibility and I am the defendant. After receiving that piece of information, I began my term as one of the Commandant's Staff's least favorite cadets. Cadet Publications exists as the main arena where cadets can voice their opinions without, supposedly, getting in trouble, so I shouldered the responsibilities and aimed to convey real aspects of cadet life in this *Bomb* while not glossing over the true feelings that all cadets have at times.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



Simple complaining and cursing on my part would only result in a small victory for the Administration, since this is probably the first sign of unprofessionalism, and I do not intend to use this space as a complaint page because: 1) I have the privilege/responsibility to say something representative of my class that will forever be in print; and 2) the people who take the time to read this letter should not have to once again hear pointless whining. Our class complained about the same issues that our dykes complained about, but after paying over \$100,000 for this experience we all have something to say.

The main issue that I want to address is the decreasing importance of the class system. Our dyke's class complained about this just like every other class, and I mean no disrespect towards the '06 GC. To clarify, one BR on a major committee this year described how he became frustrated during the fall semester, but nothing bothered him after he realized finally that there are no cadet-run organizations here at VMI. The proposed Leadership and Ethics Center will, supposedly, teach cadets all about how we can and should lead, but the Commandant's Staff dictating GC punishments and over-riding a Class' interests tells cadets that we will not truly exercise any leadership here at VMI. (Also, patrolling the stoops and screaming at cadets who do not have their covers on does not motivate us, nor is it professional, to use that magical word. Either give us the demerit or allow us to visit your house and scream at you whenever you step out of your bedroom improperly dressed.)

Before we come to VMI we are told that everyone here is a leader, but there are times when having no stripes on our shoulder stereotypes you as being a bad cadet. I was a First Class Private, and I am glad that I turned down a Reg. Lt. position and could see life from this side of the fence again. Any bias towards privates in this *Bomb* is because, after graduation, rank truly no longer matters, and our respective Classes are all that are left. I realize that a private criticizing problems is often viewed as useless input, but if our viewpoints are not conveyed in Cadet Publications then they will likely not be addressed at all. Plus, having a second or third try to pull rank on you, in situations when they did not have the authority to, really puts things into perspective.

The rank system often came before the class system this past year, so to the small number of seconds and thirds who acted as if they already owned barracks, abused their dyke privileges, or tried to pull rank on my BRs: enjoy this side of the fence next year when your counterparts in the classes below you act the same towards you. I say this with regards to the class system and not as an isolated attack though, because my Class was there before and this is simply another thing that will likely never change.

With that all said, thank you very much to this year's staff and everyone else that helped. Monika offered an endless stream of advice and support that prevented several disasters; Maj. Dowling had no restraint when proofreading my writings; Candid Color came through with great pictures as always; and the Corps provided some stellar pictures conveying many of the true aspects of cadet life. 2007 should have an even better *Bomb* than this one, and I wish you all the best of luck. I used my First Class testimonial to list my personal thank-yous, and to all of those people, I thank you again. I hope everyone enjoys this *Bomb*; all I can say towards cadets who don't like it is: become involved with Cadet Publications. The four years of one's cadetship exist as some of the most miserable and enjoyable times of our lives. The enjoyable parts begin with us coming back until graduation and, no matter how much we hate this place at times, we still wear our rings as proudly as possible. My obligatory quote comes from a BR, simple but to the point: "I hate to waste my life away, but I would give anything for May 16th to be here." Well, May 16th has come and gone and now the Class of 2006 enters the world, for better or for worse. Rah Virginia Mil.



We told our dykes they were escaping just in time before this place blew up. They started laughing at us, and now three years later they are the ones that feel we are getting out just in time. To the other classes, good luck! May 16th does get here before you know it.



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THE  
VIRGINIA MILITARY  
INSTITUTE  
WILL BE REDEDICATED  
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AT CHANCELLORSVILLE  
MARCH 23, 1862

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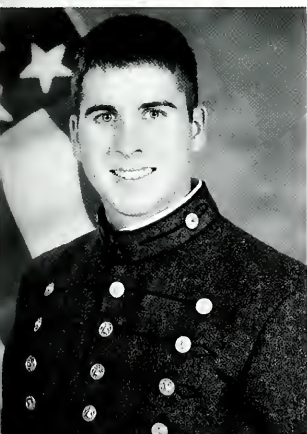
Thanks for the great year and  
good memories.  
-Rats of Room 121



# Great job Jeff and all of 2006!



You guys came in as Rats and left as dykes. What a ride. It was fun seeing you and your BR's breakout, survive as thirds, get your rings, and finally getting your sheepskins. I hope you and your BR's treasure the time you spent at the "I" as much as we have enjoyed seeing you succeed there. Good luck wherever you go and remember that you have a lot of good people going with you.



**You entered VMI a boy  
You leave VMI a man  
Move forward, enjoy life  
And do your BEST.**

**With all our love,  
Mom, Dad, Allison, and Madison**



# Colby,

*In your life you have accomplished many goals.  
From academics to Pee-Wee Football through  
V.M.I. Football, you always put forth your best!  
It was our joy and privilege to share your Ring  
Figure Ceremony. You have truly stayed the  
course—you have seen the vision and followed your  
dreams. Wear your ring with Pride, Honor,  
Integrity, and Love. It's a true symbol of success.  
Remember God loves you and so do we.*



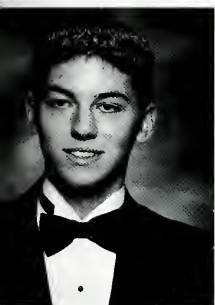
## With Much Love,

*Dad, Allie, Brock & Savie; Clayton & Mom*





To Douglas Tarasek  
 Congratulations on Breakout  
 The Ratline is over but the tradition will endure.  
 You may be whatever you resolve to be.  
 We love you Doug!  
 The Tarasek Family!



**Ryan Garth  
 Willard**

**Congratulations!**

We are so proud of  
 you for taking the  
 "path less traveled."

We love you,  
 Mom, Dad, and Drew



ou have always made us proud!!!

Love,  
 Dad, Mom, Tiff, and Matt

**Well done Jamie for putting yourself on the line.**

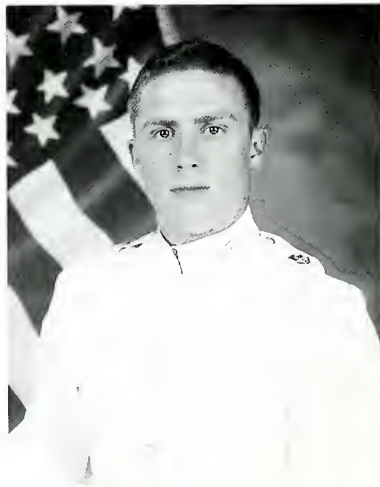
**Love, Mum and Dad**

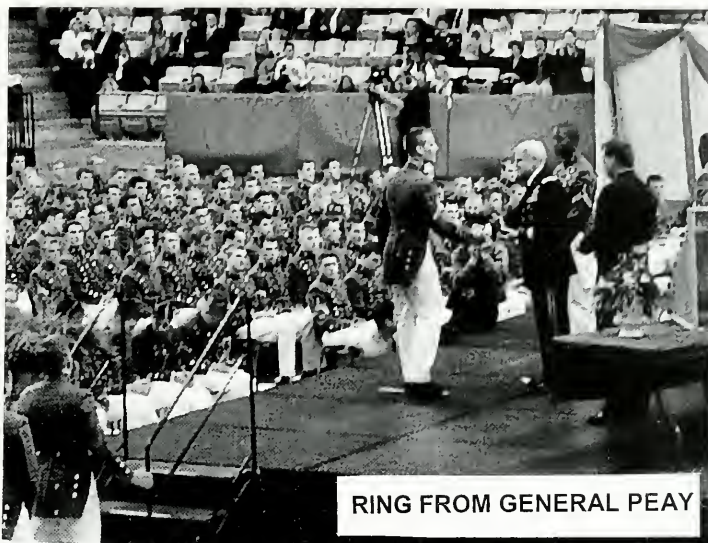




## A large, dense collage of black and white photographs showing various stages of a person's life, from infancy to adulthood. The photos are arranged in a non-linear fashion, overlapping and showing different moments and settings. Key images include: a man in a military-style cap looking forward; a young boy in a dark uniform holding a rifle; a man with a mustache holding a baby; a baby sitting in a bathtub; a woman smiling while holding a baby; a young man in a polo shirt looking thoughtfully at the camera; a man in a football jersey with the number 58; a man in a suit and tie; a man in a tank top; and a young girl in a costume. The collage is a visual timeline of memories.

**All of our love, Pops, Mom, and Sarah**





RING FROM GENERAL PEAY

*Love you like  
a bunch of John*

*You are  
the best  
Dad I  
could ever  
have*

*LOVE YA  
PAIGE*

*My little brother I used to  
be a hip is now my BIG Brother  
DAD & family*

# ERIC ARTHUR BRUNS

*Hi!  
NATHAN*

*Met a Day!  
Brid & David  
& Paige*

## RING FIGURE CEREMONY

*Eric, Mom is smiling in heaven!  
Love Dad*

*Love  
Aunt Carol  
must be  
a million  
+ all the million*

CLASS 2007

*THANKS FOR BEST WEEKEND OF MY LIFE  
"C"*

WARDING MOM'S RING TO



AUNT SHELLY & AUNT CAROL

WITH MS. CEREN ISILDAK





# Brenton L. Underwood

Class of 2006



It seems only yesterday that you began  
The path in life that has made you a man  
I admire the man you've grown to be,  
Straight and tall, I'm proud to see,  
Polite and mannered, strong and true,  
Always remember, your Mom loves you.  
Three words I give you, Faith, Hope and Love,  
And seek your guidance from God above.



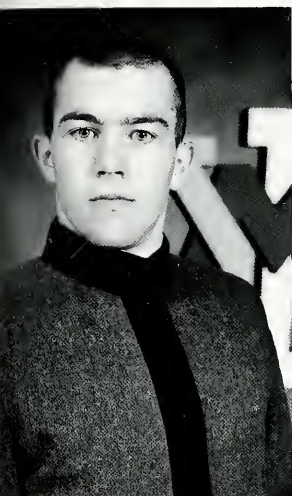
We love you and are very proud of you!  
Congratulations to you and all of the Class of 2006!  
Mom and Joel  
Grandma and Papa Burroughs

Now I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my  
departure.

"...good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:6

# CONGRATULATIONS

## COMPANY COMMANDER CADET BRENTON L. UNDERWOOD CHARLIE COMPANY



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WORDS CANNOT DESCRIBE HOW  
PROUD WE ARE OF YOU !

LOVE  
PAIGE, MARIE AND DAD



RING FIGURE

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YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
ARE MANY AND YOUR FUTURE  
HOLDS MANY MORE.  
CONGRATULATIONS FROM ALL  
OF US !!!!

TABITHA

DAD

STEVE

LORI

LEE

PAIGE

MARIE

WES

BABY C.



GRADUATION 2006



# Michael R. Pasquale



*Michael,*

*You have impressed us with your focus on what you want to be.*

*You have become a President, a leader of men.*

*You have accomplished more than most people your age.*

*We are so very proud of you!!!*

*Love,*

*Mom, Dad, Elyse, and Callie*

# CONGRATULATIONS TREVOR STANCO



*"Do not go where the path may lead,  
Instead where there is no path  
and cleave a trail."*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*



# CONGRATULATIONS CADETS OF VMI

Michael S. Child, Jr.

Son,  
Brother,

We are proud of you.  
You accomplished what you set out to  
do.  
Go out and accomplish other great  
things.  
Never compromise your honor.  
Phil. 4:13; Luke 16:10; Luke 12: 11-12

With Love,

Dad, Mom, Christin, Marin, Ricky,  
Lauren





**YOU MADE IT!**

**CONGRATS**

Love Grandpa & Cindy

Keep up the  
good work  
Aunt Claire

I am so very  
proud of you.

(Now you can take  
my "P" privileges away)



Grandma  
sends lots of  
hugs & kisse

## Cadet Becky Ann Harris Class of 2009

"For I know the plans I have  
for you," says the Lord. "They  
are plans for good and not for  
disaster, to give you a future  
and a hope."

JER 29:11

Love you, Aunt Ba &  
Uncle Curtis



"Trust in the Lo  
with all your hear  
Do not  
depend on your  
own understanding

F.  
R.  
O.  
G.

Becky, remember when  
the monster burps and  
the stars reappear. That  
is when the Rehulas' and  
Van Akens' thoughts and  
love are near.  
We love you.



Congratulations, Daniel Stanislawski!

We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom and Dad



CONGRATULATIONS, CHRIS LILLY

We are proud of you, and your accomplishment!

LOVE,

Mom, Dad, and Ethan



WHEN A THING IS DONE, IT'S DONE. DON'T  
LOOK BACK. LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR  
NEXT OBJECTIVE.

--GEORGE C. MARSHALL--



From your first year of  
preschool (1987-1988) to your  
last year at VMI (2006), you  
have made us so very proud!

We love you, Mom and Dad



Now to leave my mark  
on the world of  
chemistry.....  
(It's not just Halloween,  
anymore!)



Kyle A. Fricke '06



# CONGRATULATIONS

**ANTHONY T. BRADLEY, Third PLATOON  
SGT., BAND CO., Class 2007  
ENSIGN IN USN, designated TO  
NAVAL AVIATION**

**WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU  
CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR THE BEST  
KEEP THE blue sky up ✈  
LOVE YOUR FAMILY**



**"That wasn't so bad."**

**We are so proud of you!**

**You have accomplished so much  
with your inner strength and motivation.**

**Travel on with God, He is always there  
for you, and so are we.**

**Love, Mom, Dad, Ashley**

**Dt. 20: 1-4**



**Conor Franklin-**

**Congratulations on  
completing your first year  
at VMI.**

**We are proud of you  
and know that your future  
at VMI and beyond is  
bright. Keep flying high.**

**God Bless You-**

**Mom, Dad, Brooks, Logen,  
Tayler, Vaughn, and Landry**



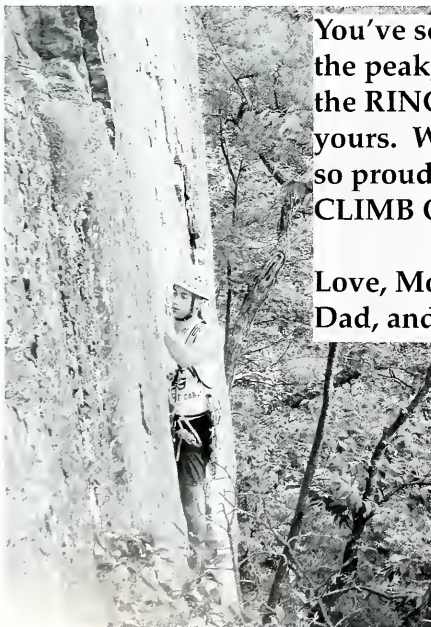
**Gordon Holloway**

**We are so very  
proud of you**

**Love from**

**Mom, Dad, Karen**

**Pa and Grandma**



**You've scaled  
the peak, now  
the RING is  
yours. We are  
so proud of you.  
CLIMB ON!**

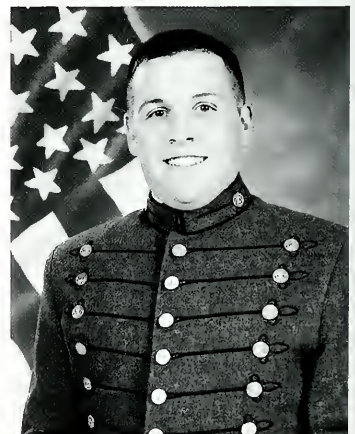
**Love, Mom,  
Dad, and Justin**

**DAVE UPCHURCH '07  
CONGRATULATIONS**

**BRIAN P. RENAGHAN**

**Breakout 2004,  
Ring Figure 2005,  
Class of 2007!**

**We are so proud of you!  
Love, Mom, Dad & Sean**





**Congratulations Stephanie Ortiz,**  
 Gals are like the stars: they're always there.  
 University is like the clouds: they're temporary &  
 will move on. Keep your eyes on the stars.

We're proud of you! The only limits are self-imposed.  
 Semper Fi!

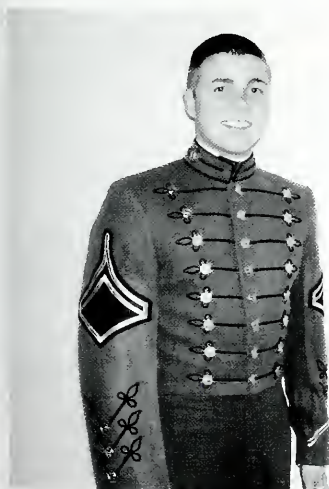
**Love Mom & Dad**

**Congratulations Ashley Megan**



**"Carpe Diem"**  
**Love Mom and Dad**

**Congratulations Matt Hopchak!**  
**Love, Mom & Dad, Nick;**  
**Dan, Mike, Jac & families.**



**Congratulations Sweetness.**  
**Love, Boni**





WE WEREN'T SURE ABOUT YOU GUYS IN 9TH GRADE...  
BUT EVERYTHING TURNED OUT ALL RIGHT!

WAY TO GO FLY-BOYS...  
CONGRATS COLIN AND CLARK!



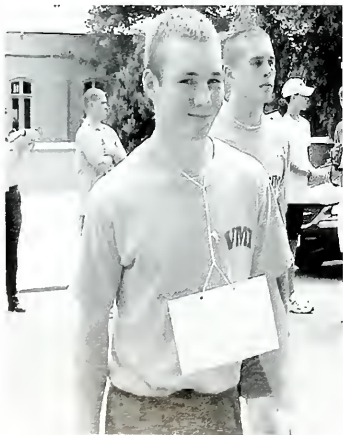
"You resolved to be,  
Colin."

Love,  
Dad, Mom  
Christian (El Cid '99),  
Ashley, Joe & Adam

"We're proud of the  
young man you have  
become, Clark."

Love,  
Dad, Mom,  
Rob, Erin & Kell

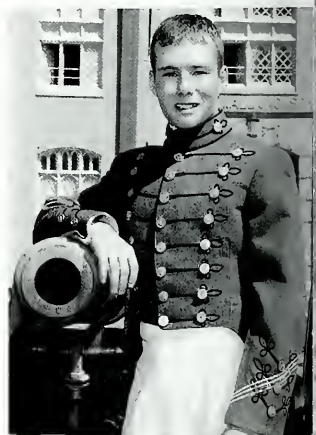
### Michael C. Yeo



You've gone from the bottom to the  
top and met countless  
challenges along the way.  
You never looked back,  
but always forward.  
We're proud of ALL  
your accomplishments.  
The best is yet to come!

Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations to the Class of 2006





**Jessica Fulton,**

**God brought you into our life on a beautiful May afternoon. We have watched you grow and mature into a wonderful young woman. Time has flown by so quick.**

**Never have we been more proud of you than we are now- to persevere and to come out so strong, so empathetic and so loving.**

**We love you sweetie,  
Mom, Dad, Sarah, Beachboy, Snuggles, and Mulder**





Congratulations Jeff & Room 172 Cadets  
A Great Ring Figure Year

MANY MORE SUCCESSFUL YEARS  
TO COME



Ryan Branham.

What an honor to say that you are  
our son/grandson and a VMI Cadet!  
Congratulations on earning your  
RING!

We are very proud of what you have  
done so far and now the end to your  
long journey is almost in sight.  
Wear your ring proudly!

Love,  
Mom and Dad  
Grandad and Mamma





**Congratulations Tom for four  
years of hard work.**

**Love, Mom and Dad**



**Christopher J. Rogers**

**Class of 2006**

**Congratulations on Graduation Day**

**May 16, 2005**

**Congratulations Jimmy!**

**CLASS OF 2006**

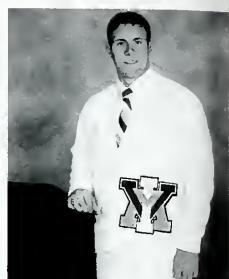
**Love,  
Mom, Dad, & Elizabeth**







## Philip Chiodo Hahn



You took the road less traveled and indeed that has made the difference....

CONGRATULATIONS to you, Phil and your BR's on your accomplishments!

May God continue to bless the VMI family and cadets.

You make us proud,

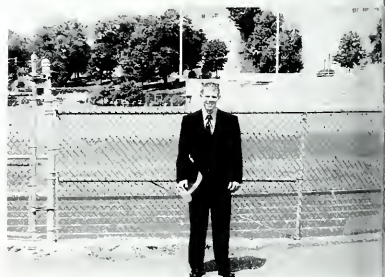
Love,

Mom & Dad



Congratulations to a super big brother!

Love you, Mary



"YOU MAY BE WHATEVER YOU RESOLVE TO BE"

# STEPHEN BARTOSZAK

J SAID FROM AGE 3  
J WOULD BE A MARINE.



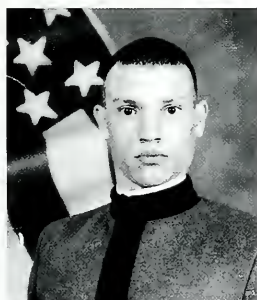
THEN YOU WANTED TO BE  
ONE OF THE FEW, THE PROUD



FROM BOOT CAMP AT 11



TO A RAT AT VMI,



NOW OUR 2nd LT.

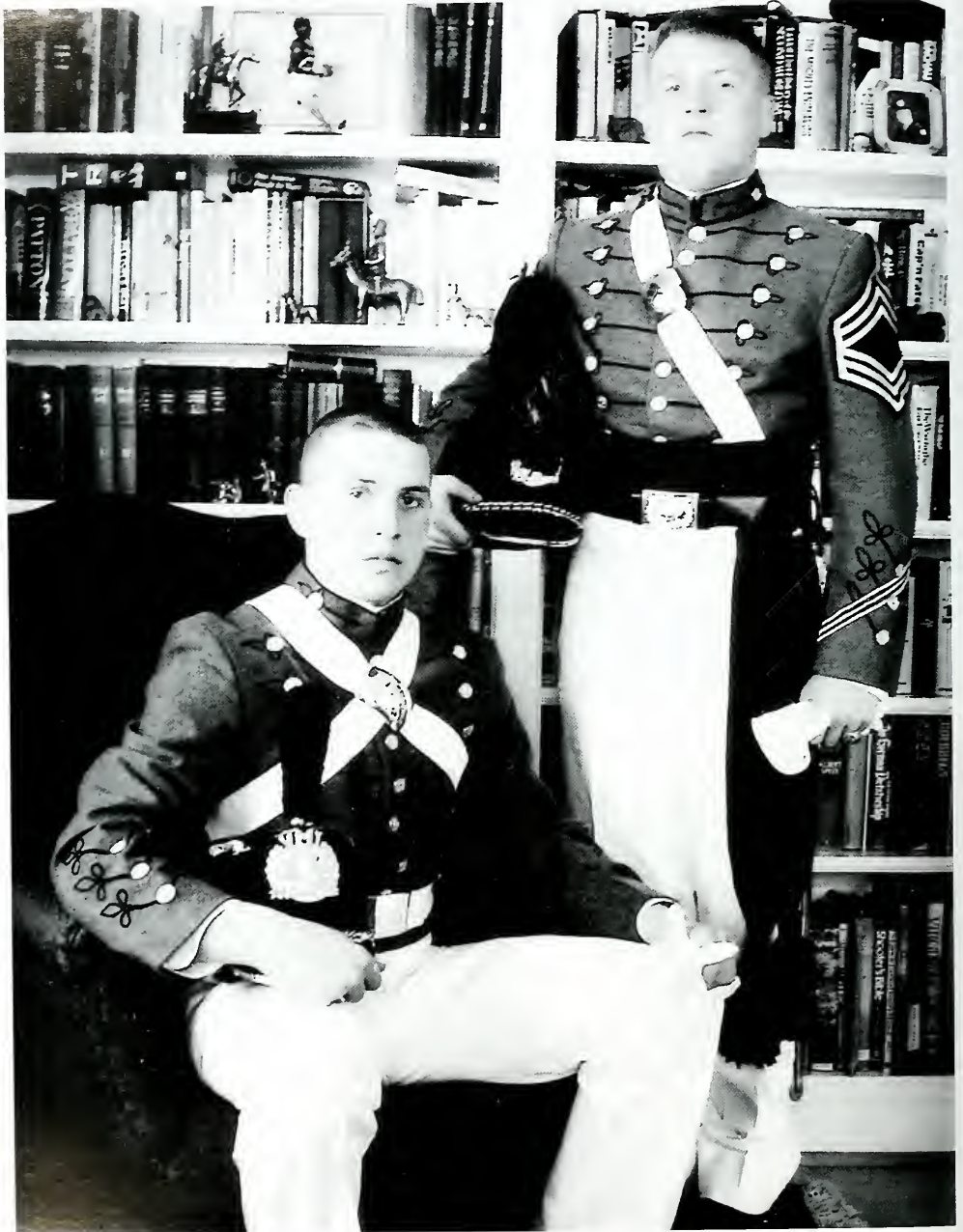


WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!  
CONGRATULATIONS!

LOVE,  
MOM, DAD, ROBERT, & BUDDY



William Crawford Collier '06  
John Charles Collier '09



We are very proud of both of you.

Love,  
Mom and Dad '72

**Congrats on  
Breakout!  
SJL-09  
Love,  
Mom & Dad**



Congratulations  
Daniel Wood

We are all so very proud of you. We  
know it was tough, but you made it!  
We love you lots,  
Mom, Dad, & Carley

Go Keydets Baseball

**CONGRATULATIONS  
ORY KEVIN HOYT**

We are all so proud of  
you and are becoming  
a man of integrity and  
character. Be proud of  
yourself and drive on!  
One down, three to go!!

Love,  
Dad, Mom, and Tyler



**"But those who wait on  
the Lord shall renew  
their strength; They shall  
mount up with wings like  
eagles, They shall run  
and not be weary; They  
shall walk and not faint."**

Isaiah 40:31 nkjv

Congratulations Chris! Well Done!  
Love,  
Dad, Mom, Jacqueline, & Valerie

**Cadet Joshua T. Gober  
and**

VMI Cadet Class of 2009

Congratulations on Breakout!



*While love and pride are freely  
given, respect should be earned.  
With hard work and dedication a  
ratmass has become a class of  
honorable cadets!*

*We could not be any prouder of you, Josh... Love  
Mom, Dad, and Meredith*





Brad Steidle



Live your life each day as you would climb a mountain.  
 An occasional glance toward the summit keeps the goal in mind,  
 but many beautiful scenes are to be observed from each new  
 vantage point. Climb slowly, steadily, enjoying each passing  
 moment, and the view will serve as a fitting climax for the journey.

We are proud of our Rat with a Ring and diploma. With all our love,  
 Mom, Dad, Katie and Brett

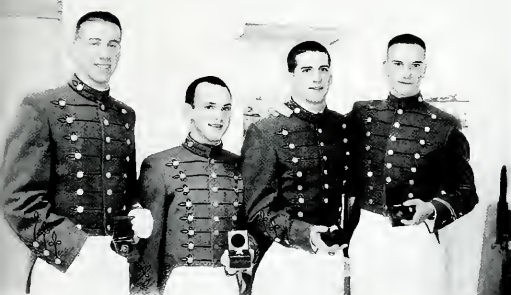
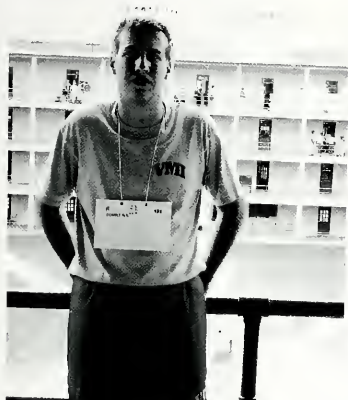


# CONGRATULATIONS NICHOLAS DOWDLE, CLASS OF 2006

From start to finish you have made us proud of you and your accomplishments.

You have chosen the road less traveled and found success. As you continue your journey through life and pursue your dreams, remember to aim high and keep your wonderful sense of humor. Our love and support will always be with you.

Love you,  
Dad, Mom, Kaycee,  
Grandpa and Grandma





Edward D. Mills

WHAT A GREAT RIDE!

Breakout Hill

Most winning soccer team in VMI history

Ring Figure and Spain

Stay focused, graduation is near!

Rah, Rah VMI '07, '07, '07



# Oh What a Ride These 4 Years Have Been!

(Rooms 435, 335, 235 & C-29)



Rats -2002



1<sup>st</sup> Class-2006

**Wilson Nance, Genya Skortsov, Dan Rogers, Tim Papenfuse & Scott Bartholomew**

Each of you have filled our hearts with joy & given us so many wonderful memories.  
Our love for you & pride in your accomplishments are without limit.

~ All Our Love, Your Families





Congratulations Joe  
on your many accomplishments.  
You have made us all proud!

Semper Fi  
Love Dad, Rose Mary, Megan,  
Hallie, Emily, Caitlin,  
and the entire Gill Family



Congratulations on your  
accomplishments!

Adam, Clark, Kyle, and Tim  
Class of 2006

Your parents and families



JOSEPH L. GILL, II  
CLASS OF 2006

Your graduation & the man you have become  
Fills us with love and pride!  
We always knew that you could do  
Whatever you put your mind to.

You have worked hard for a future without boundaries,  
So as you reach for all life has to offer,  
Remember that you're second to none!

As you pursue your goals, utilize your talent and drive,  
Always follow your dreams and believe in yourself.  
For someone as special as you has the ability to create  
a world of beautiful tomorrows.

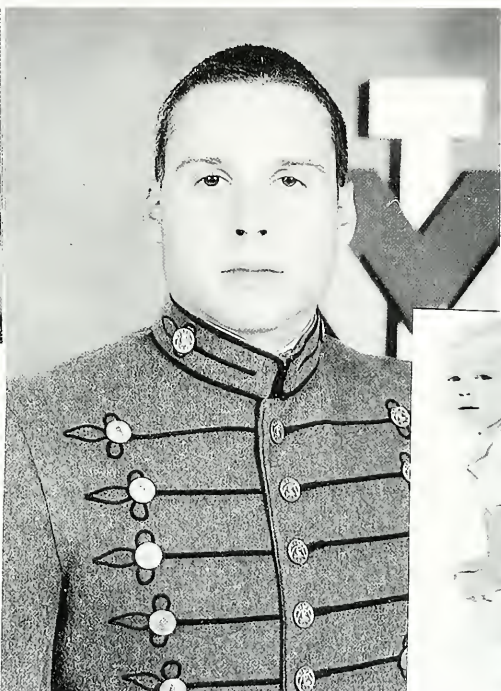
Wherever the future may lead  
May you always have the wisdom, strength, courage, and ambition  
To meet new challenges and may you always know  
The happiness and pride that comes with success!

Love, Dad, Rose Mary, Megan, Hallie, and the whole family!





Michael D. Werner  
"You may be whatever you resolve to be"



*Vicki and David Werner  
proudly announce the arrival  
of their son, Michael David,  
Friday, December 16, 1983*



Congratulations with Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Julia



Congratulations Cadet Peter Saragnese  
and  
The VMI Class of 2009



"You may be whatever you resolve to be."

-Stonewall Jackson

Continue to follow your dreams!

Proudly, Mom, Dad & Chrissy

## Cadet Wes Lokey '09

"We're all very  
proud of you!"

Mom, Dad,  
Jessica, Amy, Michele,  
and Ben

## Randy Cunningham-

Ever since your first day of school it was obvious that you would meet any challenge head-on. Congratulations on completing the Rat Year at VMI. We are all so proud of you.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, GMa, Danny, David, Ann, Jake,  
Carol, Gramps, Missy, Matt & Shane



TRIBULATION BRINGS ABOUT PERSEVERANCE  
AND PERSEVERANCE, PROVEN CHARACTER  
AND PROVEN CHARACTER, HOPE:  
ROMANS 5: 3-4

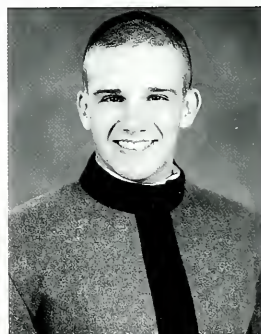


CONGRATULATIONS PHILIP POHLMAN

YOU ENDURED MUCH DURING THIS YEAR  
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU AND RESPECT  
WHAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED.

LOVE, DAD, MOM, KELLIE, GRACE, & EMILY

## Congratulations Matt Anderson



You set your mind to it, you followed  
your heart, and in the words of  
Stonewall Jackson, you have proven  
that: "You may be whatever you  
resolve to be."

We are so very proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Mike, and Scott

## ALEX DOSEFF

You are always ready  
for your next  
challenge.

Congratulations on your  
successful Breakout!!!

We're behind you all the  
way!

Love,  
Mom and Dad  
Dane, Corianne, and Matt



V  
M '06'  
I

B- Brother  
R-Rats  
E- Enduring  
A- All  
K- Kinds  
O- Of  
U- Useful  
T- Training



Kudos to Chris S. Johnston  
LOVE, MOM, DAD, & Alissa





Michael E. Maleski

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SUPERSTAR

You've Come So Far...

It seems like only yesterday, that you took the big step and became a  
**KEYDET**



Now, we sit and watch as you take your final college steps  
Our eyes fill with tears  
Our hearts fill with pride

2006

We love ya!  
"Big Daddy"  
"Momma"  
Christina  
Baby to

Congratulations Cadet Kyle Rosch  
We love you so much

Thank you for letting us take  
pictures like this one in the past four years

Love always,  
Mom, Dad, & Danielle  
XOXOXO



"Oh, yesterday's over my shoulder,  
So I can't look back for too long.  
There's just too much to  
see waiting in front of me."



We are very proud of you!  
**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**CHRIS BRANDRIFF!**

KYLE MADDEN,

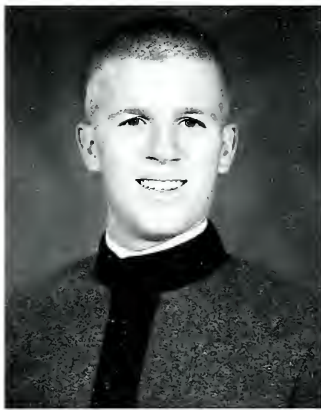
WITH THANKS TO GOD FOR GIVING US OUR "SON" SHINE

WITH DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

WITH MUCH LOVE AND PRIDE FOR WHO YOU ARE- CONGRATULATIONS KFM-VMI 06!



MOM, DAD, AND TRAVIS





# Congratulations! Steven Nathan Parsons Echo / Class of 2006



Duty



Honor



Calling

Calling



Friend

Friends



"But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. (Is 40:31)"



Faith



Courtesy



Brotherhood



Family



# Chris B. Gilliland

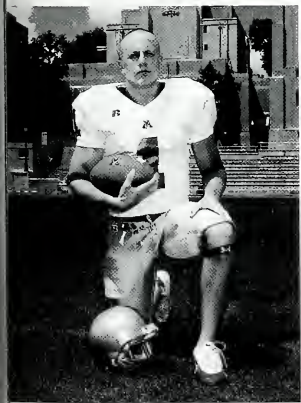
To our Chris, proud member of the Class of '06.

From STP to Matriculation to "Breakout Hill," the Ratline was a time of growth and discovery...goals fought for and achieved. Your trials and triumphs, over the past 4 years, have enabled you to mature into the fine young man that we always knew you would become.

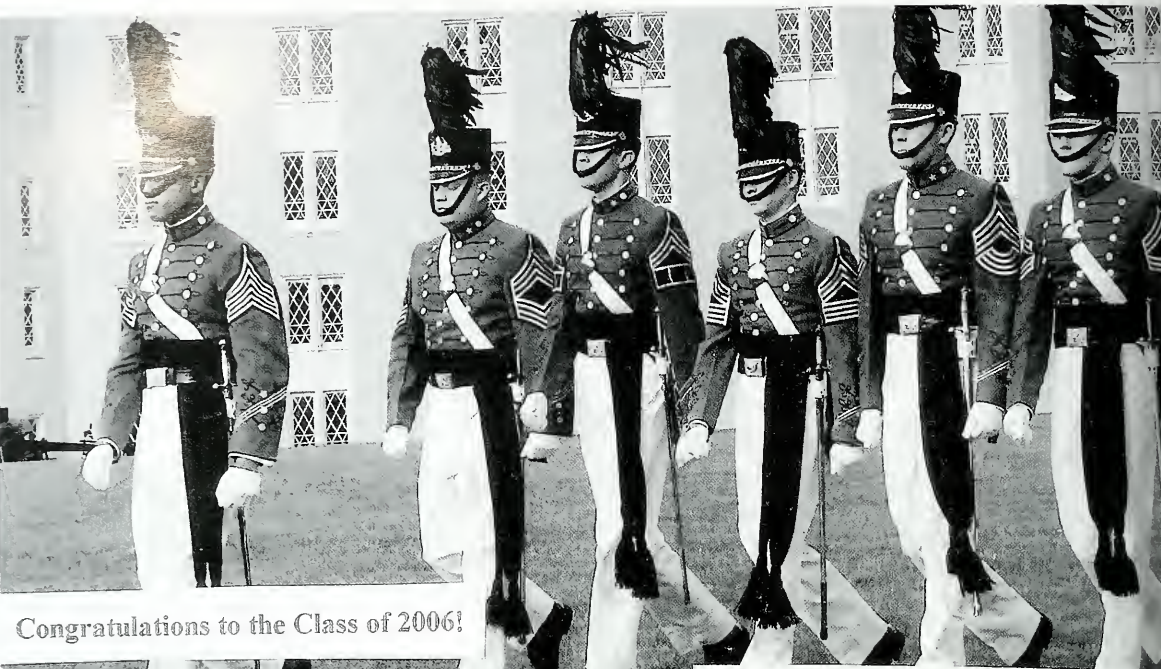
Ever the "team player," your tenacity and integrity have brought honor to yourself, your family, and "the Corps."

We are so very proud of you!!

Our love,  
Mom, Dad, and Natalie

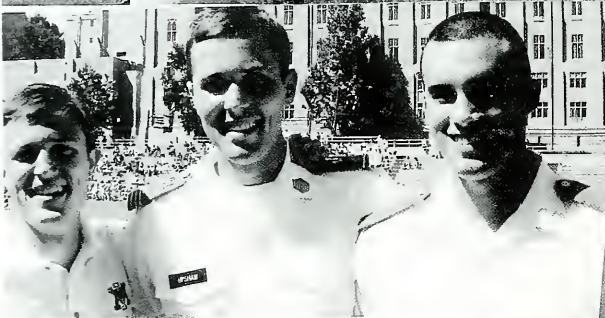




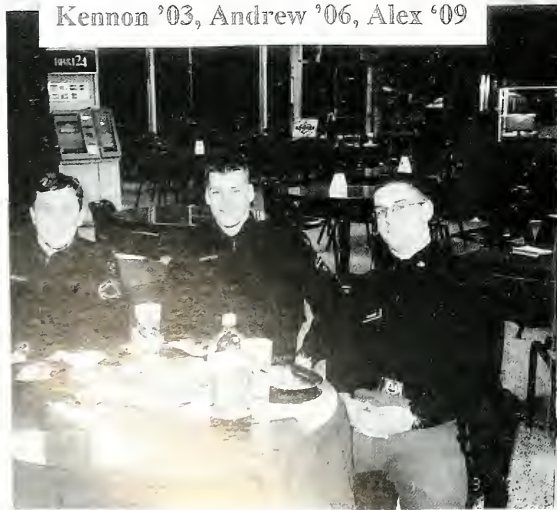


Congratulations to the Class of 2006!

Congratulations, Andrew! Way to go



Kennon '03, Andrew '06, Alex '09





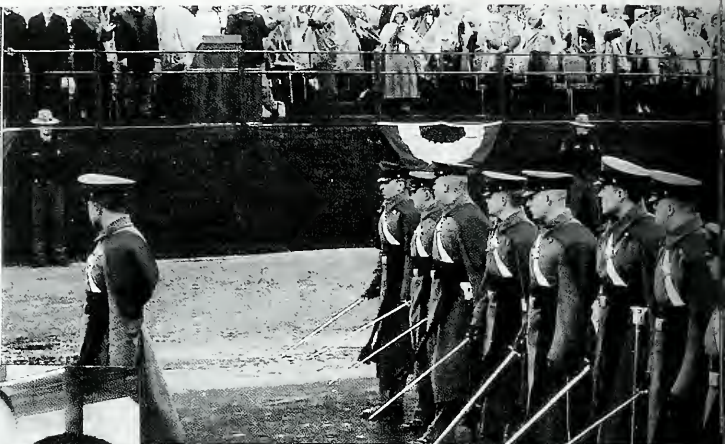
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2005 Warrior Forge

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Mid-Winter Formal



Homecoming



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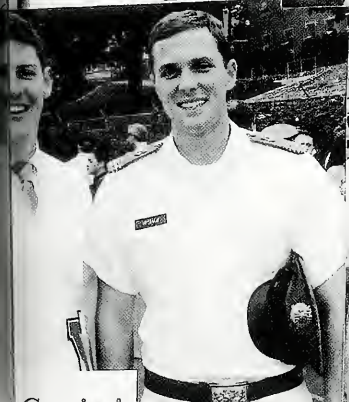


**NYSE**

**New York City!**



**Richmond!**



**Cousins!**

**RATS!**



**Congratulations Andy!**



**Welcome to the Class of 2009  
We are very proud of you!  
Love Mom and Tucker**

**Ross Frizzell**

**Congratulations on a  
great achievement!**

**Mom and Dad**

**"Behold, children are a gift  
from the LORD..."  
(Psalm 127:3)**

**Congratulations to our son,  
JORDAN ALEXANDER PAGONE  
'06  
Love, Mom and Dad ('72)**

**To Our Son  
Nathan Adam McCall  
Class of 2007**

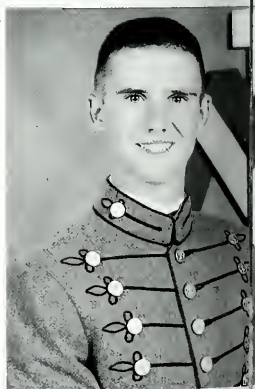
This tribute to you is bittersweet! We are so very proud of all the accomplishments you have made by sticking with your decision to attend VMI, no matter what. We cried the day we dropped you off for that dreaded Rat Year, but you hung in there from your Rat year to Ring Figure and continue to strive for your goals.

At this time, you are continuing your duty and showing your patriotism by serving this country overseas. Our prayer is for you to return home safely to us, and then continue on at VMI and complete your education there.

You are an exceptional young man Nathan, and you make us so proud! Keep reaching for the stars!

Just remember, if you are feeling homesick or lonely, just look up in the night sky and see the moon, knowing we are looking at that same exact moon and somehow we are connected if only through our heartstrings.

**Love, Dad, Mom, Cristin, Les,  
Grandma and your whole family!**





JONATHAN LEE WILSON  
CLASS OF 2006

CONGRATULATIONS!!

As your journey at VMI comes to a close  
a new chapter in your life begins.  
Continue to dream and reach for the  
stars  
until they all have been fulfilled.

We are so proud of you,  
all of your accomplishments  
and the man you have become!  
We are proud to call you our Son!!

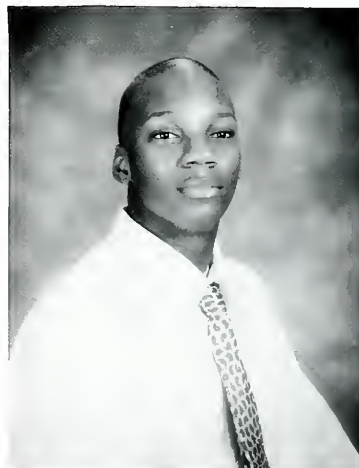
We Love You,  
Mom & Dad



To my son,  
Frank Anthony Dolberry II:  
Your accomplishments at VMI have  
made me proud BUT giving birth to  
you and watching  
you grow into who  
you are today has  
made me the

oudest...You are truly a blessing from  
d! Thank you for being such a GREAT  
SON!!

Unconditional Love, Mom

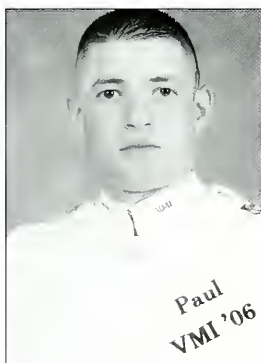






**Well done, Andrew!**  
**Your courage and perseverance have led**  
**you to graduation from VMI. Congratulations!**  
**Love, Mom, Dad, and Joel**

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**Paul Witherspoon '06**

**International Studies**  
**Modern Languages and Cultures**

**Congratulations on your graduation from VMI and your**  
**commission in the Marine Corps. We are proud of you.**

**Love,**  
**Mom and Dad**

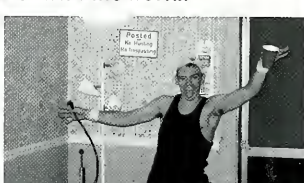


***We are Vikings.***

*We drink to excess, take no responsibility for our actions, indulge every whim, rebel against any authority, mock idiots and posers, sleep with more women than is safe or reasonable, and generally just act like jackasses.*

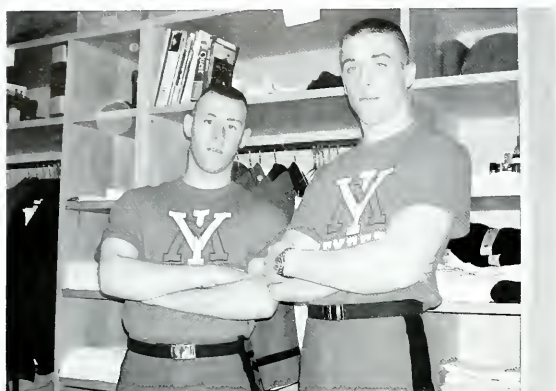
*But, we do contribute to humanity in one very important way:*

***We share our adventures with the world.***





READY FOR THE NEXT CHALLENGE:



Ryan McCormick and Taylor Herring  
VMI Class of '09

Congratulations Cadet Joe Davidoski, '06

Even then, we saw this day coming!

With best wishes from your family



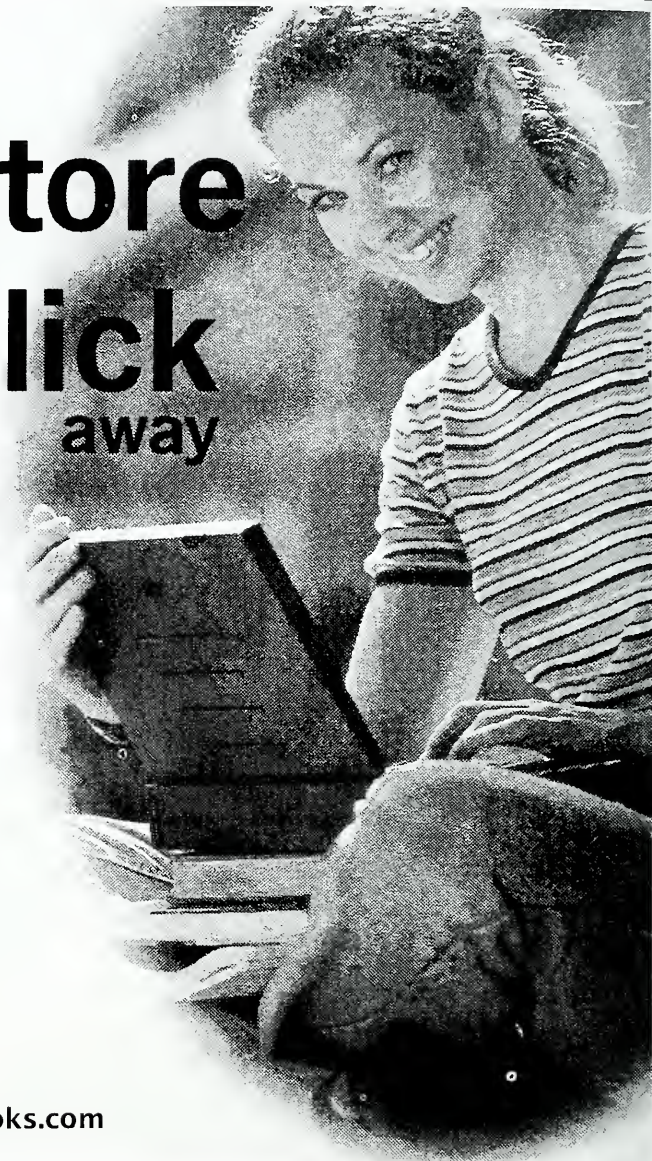
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the last four years...  
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STEP 1:



STEP 2:



STEP 3:



OBJECTS IN MIRROR ARE CLOSER  
THAN THEY APPEAR

FROM THE CLASS OF 2006: SO LONG, VMI...























